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An Attempt to bring together (without the ſmalleſt Alteration), thoſe Paſſages in them which relate to the ſame Subjects.

For the Uſe of Churches and Families.

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TO

HIS GRACE THE EARL OF LEVEN,

HIS MAJESTY'S LORD HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,

This Attempt to facilitate the ſuiting of different parts of our Public Worſhip to each other, is moſt reſpectfully inſcribed by,

His Grace's much obliged,

And obedient humble ſervant,

May 22. 1794.

ROBERT WALKER.

PREFACE.

IT muſt have been frequently obſerved by thoſe who attend public worſhip, how difficult a matter it often is for the Preacher to adapt the Pſalms, that are ſung, to the ſubject of his diſcourſe.

It ſometimes happens, that he muſt ſatisfy himſelf, if, in the uſual portion that is ſung, even *one* ſtanza has an appearance of referring to his ſubject. To remedy in ſome degree this inconvenience, the additional Pſalmody, conſiſting of Tranſlations and Paraphraſes of different paſſages of Sacred Scripture, was about twelve years ago adopted under the regular ſanction of the Church of Scotland. Still, however, the difficulty that has been mentioned remains to a certain degree. For, although ſeveral new ſubjects are afforded in this collection, yet, they are far from being adequate to the variety of topics on which miniſters may have occaſion to preach. Feeling often this difficulty and inconvenience in the exerciſe of my public duty, I had for a conſiderable time paſt entertained an idea, that much might be done towards removing it, by methodizing the admirable materials for this part of

of Divine Service, which lie ſcattered in different places of the Pſalms of David.

It is well known that many of theſe compoſitions, like other Eaſtern poetry, paſs very rapidly, and without much apparent connection, from one ſubject to another; inſomuch that it is often impoſſible to find in one pſalm the uſual quantity of four ſtanzas relating to the ſame ſubject, without the aukward expedient of paſſing over ſome intervening ones. About a month ago, I began to try the effect of bringing together the paſſages in different Pſalms relating to ſome important ſubjects; and having ſhewn ſpecimens of it to ſeverals of my brethren, they approved the idea, and encouraged me to complete it. Anxious, for obvious reaſons, to have it publiſhed before the diſſolution of the preſent General Aſſembly, I have executed it too rapidly for me to hope that it ſhould not be without defects, both in the arrangement of the topics, and in the ſelection and collocation of the paſſages under them. It will, however, ſerve as a ſpecimen of what may be done in this reſpect, with the aid of more time and attention; and I would willingly hope, that this attempt to facilitate the adapting different parts of our public worſhip to each other, ſhall meet with the countenance of my brethren the Miniſters of the Church of Scotland.

I have only to add, that whatever may be the iſſue of this attempt; it neither is at preſent, nor ever

ever ſhall be my wiſh, that the common verſion of the Pſalms ſhould be ſet aſide; but only that this (or ſome better) methodized arrangement of them ſhould be ſuperadded, in the ſame manner as the Tranſlations and Paraphraſes now are, and if it can be obtained, under the ſame public eccleſiaſtical ſanction.

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22d May, 1794.

N. B. The Reader will obſerve, that ſome Pſalms, and Paſſages of Pſalms, are inſerted in this Collection more than once. The reaſon of this will appear, when it is conſidered, that, although they relate *principally* to *one topic*, they contribute alſo to *illuſtrate others*. It has, however been endeavoured to avoid the ſwelling of this Publication, by ſuch repetitions, as far as it was poſſible.

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I. ON THE BEING AND PERFECTIONS OF GOD.

Pſalm xciii. 1.

1 THE Lord doth reign, and cloth'd is he
with majeſty moſt bright:
His works do ſhew him cloth'd to be,
and girt about with might.

Pſal. xcvi. 6, 7.

2 Great honour is before his face
and majeſty divine:
Strength is within his holy place,
and there doth beauty ſhine.

3 Do ye aſcribe unto the Lord,
of people every tribe,
Glory do ye unto the Lord,
and mighty power aſcribe.

Pſal. xcvi. 4, 5.

4 For great's the Lord, and greatly he
is to be magnify'd;

Yea, worthy to be fear'd is he
above all gods beſide.

5 For all the gods are idols dumb,
which blinded nations fear;
But our God is the Lord, by whom
the heav'ns created were.

Pſal. xcvi. 8, 9.

6 Give ye the glory to the Lord
that to his name is due;
Come ye unto his courts, and bring
an offering with you.

7 In beauty of his holineſs
O do the Lord adore;
Likewiſe let all the earth throughout
tremble his face before.

Pſal. civ. 31.

8 The glory of the mighty Lord
continue ſhall for ever;
The Lord JEHOVAH ſhall rejoice
in all his works together.

II. THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD.

Pſalm lxvi. 1, 2.

1 ALL lands to God in joyful ſounds
aloft your voices raiſe;
Sing forth the honour of his name,
and glorious make his praiſe.

2 Say unto God, How terrible
in all thy works art thou!
Through thy great pow'r thy foes to thee
ſhall be conſtrain'd to bow.

Pſal. lxxxix. 13.

3 Thou haſt an arm that's full of pow'r;
thy hand is great in might;
And thy right hand exceedingly
exalted is in height.

Pſal. lxxxix. 8, 9.

4 O thou that art the Lord of hoſts!
what lord in mightineſs
Is like to thee, who compaſt round
art with thy faithfulneſs?

5 Even in the raging of the ſea
thou over it doſt reign;

And when the waves thereof do ſwell
thou ſtilleſt them again.

Pſal. xciii. 3, 4.

6 The floods, O Lord! have lifted up,
they lifted up their voice;
The floods have lifted up their waves,
and made a mighty noiſe.

7 But yet the Lord, that is on high,
is more of might, by far,
Than noiſe of many waters is,
or great ſea-billows are.

Pſal. xxix. 3, 4.

8 The Lord's voice on the waters is:
the God of majeſty
Doth thunder; and on multitudes
of waters ſitteth he.

9 A powerful voice it is that comes
out from the Lord moſt high:
The voice of that great Lord is full
of glorious majeſty.

Pſal. civ. 3, 4, 5.

10 Who of his chambers doth the beams
within the waters lay;
Who doth the clouds his chariot make,
on wings of wind make way.

Who

11 Who flaming fire his miniſters,
his angels ſp'rits doth make:
Who earth's foundation did lay,
that it ſhould never ſhake.

Pſal. civ. 31, 32, 33.

12 The glory of the mighty Lord
continue ſhall for ever:
The Lord JEHOVAH ſhall rejoice
in all his works together.

13 Earth, as affrighted, trembleth all,
if he on it but look;
And if the mountains he but touch,
they preſently do ſmoke.

14 I will ſing to the Lord moſt high
ſo long as I ſhall live;
And while I being have, I ſhall
to my God praiſes give.

Pſal. cv. 7.

15 Becauſe he, and he only, is
the mighty Lord our God:
And his moſt righteous judgements are
in all the earth abroad.

III. THE WISDOM OF GOD,

DISPLAYED IN THE WORKS OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.

Pſalm viii. 1.

1 HOW excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord is thy name!
Who haſt thy glory far advanc'd
above the ſtarry frame.

Pſal. cxlviii. 1, 2.

2 Praiſe God. From heavens, praiſe the Lord;
in heights praiſe to him be.
All ye his angels, praiſe ye him;
his hoſts all, praiſe him ye.

Pſal. cxlviii. 5.

3 Let all the creatures praiſe the name
of our almighty Lord:
For he commanded, and they were
created by his word.

Pſal. xxxiii. 6.

4 The heavens by the word of God
did their beginning take;
And by the breathing of his mouth
he all their hoſts did make.

Pſal. xix. 4.

5 In them he ſet the ſun a tent,
who bridegroom-like forth goes
From's chamber, as a ſtrong man doth
to run his race rejoice.

Pſal. civ. 19.

6 He ſets the moon in heav'n, thereby
the ſeaſons to diſcern.
From him the ſun his certain time
of going down doth learn.

Pſal. cxlvii. 4, 5.

7 He counts the number of the ſtars;
he names them ev'ry one.
Great is our Lord, and of great pow'r;
his wiſdom ſearch can none.

Pſal. cxlviii. 6.

8 He alſo, for all times to come,
hath them eſtabliſh'd ſure:
He hath appointed them a law,
which ever ſhall endure.

Pſal. cxlviii. 3, 4.

9 O praiſe ye him, both ſun and moon;
praiſe him all ſtars of light.
Ye heav'ns of heav'ns him praiſe, and floods
above the heavens height.

Pſal. xciii. 1, 2.

10 The world is alſo ſtabliſhed,
that it cannot depart.
Thy throne is fix'd of old, and thou
from everlaſting art.

Pſal. xxiv. 1, 2.

11 The earth belongs unto the Lord,
and all that it contains:
The world that is inhabited,
and all that there remains.

12 For the foundations thereof
he on the ſeas did lay;
And he hath it eſtabliſhed,
upon the floods to ſtay.

Pſal. xxxiii. 7, 8.

13 The waters of the ſeas he brings
together as an heap;
And in ſtore-houſes, as it were,
he layeth up the deep.

14 Let earth, and all that live therein,
with rev'rence fear the Lord:
Let all the world's inhabitants
dread him with one accord.

Pſal. lxxiv. 16, 17.

15 Thine only is the day, O Lord!
thine only is the night;

And

And thou alone prepared haſt
the ſun and ſhining light.

16 By thee the borders of the earth
were ſettled ev'ry where:
The ſummer and the winter both
by thee created were.

Pſal. xcv. 3, 4.

17 For God a great God, and great King,
above all gods he is.
Depths of the earth are in his hand:
the ſtrength of hills is his.

Pſal. civ. 13, 14.

18 He from his chambers watereth
the hills, when they are dry'd:
With fruit and increaſe of thy works
the earth is ſatisfy'd.

19 For cattle, he makes graſs to grow;
he makes the herb to ſpring
For th' uſe of man: that food to him
he from the earth may bring.

Pſal. cxxxv. 6, 7.

20 What things ſoever pleas'd the Lord,
that in the heav'n did he,
And in the earth, the ſeas, and all
the places deep that be.

21 He

21 He from th' ends of the earth doth make
the vapours to aſcend,
With rain he lightnings makes, and wind
doth from his treaſures ſend.

Pſal. cxlvii. 16, 17, 18.

22 Hoar froſt, like aſhes, ſcattereth he;
like wool he ſnow doth give;
Like morſels caſteth forth his ice:
who in its cold can live?

23 He ſendeth forth his mighty word,
and melteth them again:
His wind he makes to blow, and then
the waters flow amain.

Pſal. civ. 24.

24 How manifold, Lord, are thy works!
in wiſdom wonderful
Thou every one of them haſt made:
earth's of thy riches full.

Pſal. cxlv. 15, 16, 17, 18.

25 The eyes of all things wait on thee,
the Giver of all good;
And thou in time convenient
beſtows on them their food.

26 Thine hand thou op'neſt lib'rally,
and of thy bounty gives

Enough

Enough to ſatisfy the need
of ev'ry thing that lives.

27 The Lord is juſt in all his ways,
holy in his works all.
God's near to all that call on him,
in truth that on him call.

Pſal. cv. 3, 4.

28 See that ye in his holy name
to glory do accord;
And let the heart of ev'ry one
rejoice that ſeeks the Lord.

29 The Lord almighty, and his ſtrength,
with ſtedfaſt hearts ſeek ye.
His bleſſed and his gracious face
ſeek ye continually.

IV. THE OMNISCIENCE AND OMNIPRESENCE OF GOD.

Pſalm cxxxix. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

1 O Lord! thou haſt me ſearch'd and known.
Thou know'ſt my ſitting down,
And riſing up; yea all my thoughts
afar to thee are known.

2 My

2 My footſteps, and my lying down,
thou compaſſeſt always;
Thou alſo moſt entirely art
acquaint with all my ways.

3 For in my tongue, before I ſpeak,
not any word can be,
But altogether, lo, O Lord,
it is well known to thee.

4 Behind, before, thou haſt beſet,
and laid on me thine hand.
Such knowledge is too ſtrange for me,
too high to comprehend.

5 From thy ſp'rit whither ſhall I go?
or from thy preſence flee?
Aſcend I heav'n, lo, thou art there;
there, if in hell I ly.

6 Take I the morning's wings, and dwell
in utmoſt parts of ſea:
Ev'n there, Lord, ſhall thy hand me lead,
thy right hand hold ſhall me.

7 If I do ſay that darkneſs ſhall
me cover from thy ſight,
Then ſurely ſhall the very night
about me be as light.

8 Yea,

8 Yea, darkneſs hideth not from thee,
but night doth ſhine as day:
To thee the darkneſs and the light
are both alike alway.

9 For thou poſſeſſed haſt my reins,
and thou haſt cover'd me,
When I within my mother's womb,
incloſed was by thee.

V. ON THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

Pſalm lxxvi. 7.

1 THOU, Lord, ev'n thou art he that ſhould
be fear'd; and who is he
That may ſtand up before thy ſight,
if once thou angry be?

Pſal. v. 4, 5, 6.

2 For thou art not a God that doth
in wickedneſs delight:
Neither ſhall evil dwell with thee;
Nor fools ſtand in thy ſight.

3 All that ill doers are, thou hat'ſt:
cut'ſt off that liars be:
The bloody and deceitful man
abhored is by thee.

Pſal. i. 5, 6.

4 In judgement therefore ſhall not ſtand
ſuch as ungodly are;
Nor in th' aſſembly of the juſt
ſhall wicked men appear.

5 For why? the way of godly men
unto the Lord is known:
Whereas, the way of wicked men
ſhall quite be overthrown.

Pſal. ix. 16, 17.

6 The Lord is by the judgement known,
which he himſelf hath wrought:
The ſinners hands do make the ſnares
wherewith themſelves are caught.

7 They, who are wicked, into hell
each one ſhall turned be;
And all the nations that forget
to ſeek the Lord moſt high.

Pſal. xcix. 2, 3.

8 The Lord in Zion great, and high
above all people is.
Thy great and dreadful name (for it
is holy) let them bleſs.

Pſal. xcix. 5.

9 The Lord our God exalt on high,
and rev'rently do ye

Before

Before his footſtool worſhip him:
the holy One is he.

Pſal. xcix. 9.

10 Do ye exalt the Lord our God,
and at his holy hill
Do ye him worſhip; for the Lord
our God is holy ſtill.

VI. ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD IN GENERAL.

Pſalm c. 1ſt verſion.

1 ALL people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him ſerve with mirth, his praiſe forth tell:
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

2 Know, that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
And for his ſheep he doth us take.

3 O enter then his gates with praiſe;
Approach with joy his courts unto:
Praiſe, laud, and bleſs his name always;
For it is ſeemly ſo to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever ſure:

His truth at all times firmly ſtood,
And ſhall from age to age endure.

Pſal. exlv. 2d verſion.

5 O Lord, that art my God and King,
Thee will I magnify and praiſe:
I will thee bleſs, and gladly ſing
Unto thy holy name always.

6 Each day I riſe, I will thee bleſs,
And praiſe thy name time without end.
Much to be prais'd and great God is;
His greatneſs none can comprehend.

7 Race ſhall thy works praiſe unto race,
The mighty acts ſhow done by thee.
I will ſpeak of the glorious grace,
And honour of thy majeſty.

8 Thy wondrous works I will record.
By men the might ſhall be extoll'd
Of all thy dreadful acts, O Lord!
And I thy greatneſs will unfold.

9 They utter ſhall abundantly
The mem'ry of thy goodneſs great;
And ſhall ſing praiſes cheerfully,
Whilſt they thy righteouſneſs relate.

10 The Lord our God is gracious;
Compaſſionate is he alſo:

In

In mercy he is plenteous;
But unto wrath and anger ſlow.

11 Good unto all men is the Lord:
O'er all his works his mercy is.
Thy works all praiſe to thee afford;
Thy ſaints, O Lord, thy name ſhall bleſs.

12 The glory of thy kingdom ſhow
Shall they, and of thy power tell:
That ſo mens ſons his deeds may know,
His kingdom's grace, that doth excel.

13 Thy kingdom hath none end at all,
It doth through ages all remain.
The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
The caſt-down raiſeth up again.

14 The eyes of all things, Lord, attend,
And on thee wait, that here do live;
And thou in ſeaſon due doſt ſend
Sufficient food them to relieve.

15 Yea, thou thine hand doſt open wide;
And ev'ry thing doſt ſatisfy
That lives, and doth on earth abide,
Of thy great liberality.

16 The Lord is juſt in his ways all,
And holy in his ways each one.

He's near to all that on him call,
Who call in truth on him alone.

17 God will the juſt deſire fulfil
Of ſuch as do him fear and dread:
Their cry regard, and hear he will,
And ſave them in the time of need.

18 The Lord preſerves all, more and leſs,
That bear to him a loving heart:
But workers all of wickedneſs
Deſtroy will he, and clean ſubvert.

19 Therefore my mouth and lips I'll frame
To ſpeak the praiſes of the Lord:
To magnify his holy name
For ever let all fleſh accord.

Pſal. cvii.

20 Praiſe God, for he is good: for ſtill
his mercies laſting be.
Let God's redeem'd ſay ſo, whom he
from th' en'mies hand did free:

21 And gather'd them out of the lands,
from north, ſouth, eaſt, and weſt.
They ſtray'd in deſart's pathleſs way,
no city found to reſt.

22 For

22 For thirſt and hunger, in them faints
their ſoul. When ſtraits them preſs,
They cry unto the Lord, and he
them frees from their diſtreſs.

23 Them alſo in a way to walk,
that right is, he did guide,
That they might to a city go
wherein they might abide.

24 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!

25 For he the ſoul that longing is
doth fully ſatisfy;
With goodneſs he the hungry ſoul
doth fill abundantly.

26 Such as ſhut up in darkneſs deep,
and in death's ſhade abide,
Whom ſtrongly hath affliction bound,
and irons faſt have ty'd:

27 (Becauſe againſt the words of God
they wrought rebelliouſly.
And they the counſel did contemn
of him that is moſt high:)

28 Their

28 Their heart he did bring down with grief;
they fell, no help could have.
In trouble then they cry'd to God;
he them from ſtraits did ſave.

29 He out of darkneſs did them bring,
and from death's ſhade them take;
Theſe bands wherewith they had been bound,
aſunder quite he brake.

30 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!

31 Becauſe the mighty gates of braſs
in pieces he did tear;
By him aſunder alſo cut
the bars of iron were.

32 Fools for their ſin and their offence,
do ſore affliction bear;
All kind of meat their ſoul abhors;
they to death's gates draw near.

33 In grief they cry to God; he ſaves
them from their miſeries.
He ſends his word, them heals; and them
from their deſtruction frees.

34 O

34 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!

35 And let them ſacrifice to him
off'rings of thankfulneſs;
And let them ſhew abroad his works
in ſongs of joyfulneſs.

36 Who go to ſea in ſhips, and in
great waters trading be;
Within the deep theſe men God's works,
and his great wonders ſee.

37 For he commands, and forth in haſte
the ſtormy tempeſt flies,
Which makes the ſea with rolling waves
aloft to ſwell and riſe.

38 They mount to heav'n, then to the depths
they do go down again;
Their ſoul doth faint and melt away
with trouble and with pain.

39 They reel and ſtagger like one drunk;
at their wits end they be:
Then they to God in trouble cry,
who them from ſtraits does free.

40 The

40 The ſtorm is chang'd into a calm,
at his command and will:
So that the waves which rag'd before,
now quiet are, and ſtill.

41 Then are they glad, becauſe at reſt
and quiet now they be:
So to the haven he them brings,
which they deſir'd to ſee.

42 O that men to the Lord would give
praiſe for his goodneſs, then,
And for his works of wonder done
unto the ſons of men!

43 Among the people gathered,
let them exalt his name;
Among aſſembled elders ſpread
his moſt renowned fame.

44 He to dry land turns water-ſprings;
and floods to wilderneſs:
For ſins of thoſe that dwell therein,
fat land to barrenneſs.

45 The burnt and parched wilderneſs
to water-pools he brings:
The ground that was dry'd up before
he turns to water-ſprings.

46 And there, for dwelling, he a place
doth to the hungry give,
That they a city may prepare
commodiouſly to live.

47 There ſow they fields, and vineyards plant,
to yield fruits of increaſe.
His bleſſing makes them multiply ;
lets not their beaſts decreaſe.

48 Again they are diminiſhed,
and very low brought down,
Through ſorrow and affliction,
and great oppreſſion.

49 He upon princes pours contempt,
and cauſeth them to ſtray,
And wander in a wilderneſs,
wherein there is no way.

50 Yet ſetteth he the poor on high
from all his miſeries ;
And he, much like unto a flock,
doth make him families.

51 They that are righteous ſhall rejoice,
when they the ſame ſhall ſee ;
And, as aſhamed, ſtop her mouth
ſhall all iniquity.

52 Whoſo

52 Whoſo is wiſe, and will theſe things
obſerve, and them record,
Ev'n they ſhall underſtand the love
and kindneſs of the Lord.

Pſal. ciii.

53 O thou, my ſoul! bleſs God the Lord:
and all that in me is
Be ſtirred up, his holy name
to magnify and bleſs.

54 Bleſs, O my ſoul! the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
Of all his gracious benefits
he hath beſtow'd on thee.

55 All thine iniquities who doth
moſt graciouſly forgive:
Who thy diſeaſes all, and pains,
doth heal, and thee relieve.

56 Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death mayſt not go down:
Who thee with loving-kindneſs doth
and tender mercies crown.

57 Who with abundance of good things
doth ſatisfy thy mouth:
So that, ev'n as the eagle's age,
renewed is thy youth.

58 God righteous judgement executes
for all oppreſſed ones.
His way to Moſes, he his acts
made known to Iſra'l's ſons.

59 The Lord our God is merciful;
and he is gracious,
Long-ſuffering, and ſlow to wrath,
in mercy plenteous.

60 He will not chide continually:
nor keep his anger ſtill.
With us he dealt not as we ſinn'd:
nor did requite our ill.

61 For as the heaven in its height
the earth ſurmounteth far:
So great to thoſe that do him fear
his tender mercies are.

62 As far as eaſt is diſtant from
the weſt: ſo far hath he
From us removed, in his love,
all our iniquity.

63 Such pity as a father hath
unto his children dear:
Like pity ſhews the Lord to ſuch
as worſhip him in fear.

64 For he remembers we are duſt:
and he our frame well knows.
Frail man, his days are like the graſs,
as flow'r in field he grows.

65 For over it the wind doth paſs,
and it away is gone;
And of the place where once it was
it ſhall no more be known.

66 But unto them that do him fear
God's mercy never ends:
And to their children's children ſtill
his righteouſneſs extends.

67 To ſuch as keep his covenant,
and mindful are alway
Of his moſt juſt commandements,
that they may them obey.

68 The Lord prepared hath his throne
in heavens firm to ſtand:
And ev'ry thing that being hath
his kingdom doth command.

69 O ye his angels, that excel
in ſtrength, bleſs ye the Lord,
Ye who obey what he commands,
and hearken to his word.

70 O bleſs and magnify the Lord,
ye glorious hoſts of his,
Ye miniſters that do fulfil
whate'er his pleaſure is.

71 O bleſs the Lord, all ye his works,
wherewith the world is ſtor'd
In his dominions, ev'ry where:
my ſoul, bleſs thou the Lord.

VII. ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD, IN THE WORKS OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE.

Pſalm cxxxvi. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

1 GIVE thanks to God, for good is he:
for mercy hath he ever.
Thanks to the God of gods give ye:
for his grace faileth never.

2 Thanks give the Lord of lords unto:
for mercy hath he ever.
Who only wonders great can do:
for his grace faileth never.

3 Who by his wiſdom made heav'ns high:
for mercy hath he ever.
Who ſtretch'd the earth above the ſea:
for his grace faileth never.

4 To him that made the great light ſhine :
for mercy hath he ever.
The ſun to rule till day decline :
for his grace faileth never.

Pſal. cxxxvi. 23, 24, 25, 26.

5 In our low ſtate who on us thought :
for he hath mercy ever.
And from our foes our freedom wrought :
for his grace faileth never.

6 Who doth all fleſh with food relieve :
for he hath mercy ever.
Thanks to the God of heaven give :
for his grace faileth never.

Pſal. lxv. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

7 The earth thou viſit'ſt, wat'ring it :
thou mak'ſt it rich to grow
With God's full flood : thou corn prepar'ſt
when thou provid'ſt it ſo.

8 Her riggs thou wat'reſt plenteouſly :
her furrows ſetteleſt :
With ſhow'rs thou doſt her mollify :
her ſpring by thee is bleſt.

9 So thou the year moſt lib'rally
doſt with thy goodneſs crown,
And all thy paths abundantly
on us drop fatneſs down.

10 They

10 They drop upon the paſtures wide,
that do in deſerts ly :
The little hills on ev'ry ſide
rejoice right pleaſantly.

11 With flocks the paſtures clothed be ;
the vales with corn are clad :
And now they ſhout and ſing to thee,
for thou haſt made them glad.

Pſal. viii. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

12 When I look up unto the heav'ns,
which thine own fingers fram'd,
Unto the moon, and to the ſtars,
which were by thee ordain'd ;

13 Then ſay I, What is man, that he
remember'd is by thee ?
Or what the ſon of man, that thou
ſo kind to him ſhouldſt be ?

14 For thou a little lower haſt
him than the angels made ;
With glory and with dignity
thou crowned haſt his head.

15 Of thy hand-works thou mad'ſt him lord ;
all under's feet didſt lay ;
All ſheep and oxen, yea, and beaſts
which in the field do ſtray :

16 Fowls of the air, fiſh of the ſea,
all that paſs through the ſame.
How excellent in all the earth,
Lord, our Lord, is thy name!

Pſal. xcii. 1, 2, 3, 4.

17 To render thanks unto the Lord
it is a comely thing,
And to thy name, O thou Moſt High!
due praiſe aloud to ſing:

18 Thy loving-kindneſs to ſhew forth
when ſhines the morning-light;
And to declare thy faithfulneſs
with pleaſure ev'ry night;

19 On a ten-ſtringed inſtrument,
upon the pſaltery;
And on the harp, with ſolemn ſound,
and grave ſweet melody.

20 For thou, Lord, by thy mighty works
haſt made my heart right glad:
And I will triumph in the works
which by thine hands were made.

Pſal. xcviii. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

21 Let all the earth unto the Lord
ſend forth a joyful noiſe:
Lift up your voice aloud to him,
ſing praiſes and rejoice.

22 With

22 With harp, with harp, and voice of pſalms,
unto JEHOVAH ſing.
With trumpets, cornets, gladly ſound
before the Lord, the King.

23 Let ſeas, and all their fulneſs roar:
the world, and dwellers there.
Let floods clap hands: and let the hills
together joy declare.

Pſal. cxlviii. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

24 Praiſe ye JEHOVAH from the earth,
dragons, and ev'ry deep;
Fire, hail, ſnow, vapour, ſtormy wind,
his word that fully keep.

25 All hills and mountains, fruitful trees,
and all ye cedars high,
Beaſts, and all cattle, creeping things,
and all ye birds that fly.

26 Kings of the earth, all nations;
princes, earth's judges all,
Both young men, yea, and maidens too,
old men, and children ſmall.

27 Let them God's name praiſe: for his name
alone is excellent,
His glory reacheth far above
the earth and firmament.

VIII. ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD TO THE UPRIGHT.

Pſalm xxxi. 19.

1 HOW great's the goodneſs thou for them
that fear thee keep'ſt in ſtore;
And wrought'ſt for them that truſt in thée,
the ſons of men before!

Pſal. xxv. 2d verſion, 10, 12, 13.

2 The whole paths of the Lord our God
are truth and mercy ſure,
To ſuch as keep his covenant,
and teſtimonies pure.

3 What man fears God, him ſhall he teach
the way that he ſhall chuſe.
His ſoul ſhall dwell at eaſe: his ſeed
the earth, as heirs, ſhall uſe.

Pſal. i. 3, 4.

4 He ſhall be like a tree that grows
near planted by a river;
Which in his ſeaſon yields his fruits,
and his leaf fadeth never:

5 And all he doth ſhall proſper well.
The wicked are not ſo:

But

But like they are unto the chaff
which wind drives to and fro.

Pſal. iv. 3.

6 But know, that for himſelf the Lord
the godly man doth chuſe:
The Lord, when I on him do call,
to hear will not refuſe.

Pſal. ix, 10.

7 And they that know thy name, in thee
their confidence will place:
For thou haſt not forſaken them
that truly ſeek thy face.

Pſal. xi. 7.

8 Becauſe the Lord moſt righteous doth
in righteouſneſs delight;
And with a pleaſant countenance
beholdeth the upright.

Pſal. xxxiii. 18, 19, 20.

9 Behold, on thoſe that do him fear
the Lord doth ſet his eye;
Ev'n thoſe who on his mercy do
with confidence rely:

10 From death to free their ſoul; in dearth
life unto them to yield.
Our ſoul doth wait upon the Lord:
he is our help and ſhield.

Pſal. xxxiv. 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18.

11 The angel of the Lord encamps,
and round encompaſſeth
All thoſe about that do him fear,
and them delivereth.

12 O taſte, and ſee that God is good:
who truſts in him is bleſt.
Fear God, his ſaints: none that him fear
ſhall be with want oppreſt.

13 The lions young may hungry be,
and they may lack their food:
But they that truly ſeek the Lord
ſhall not lack any good.

14 The righteous cry unto the Lord;
he unto them gives ear;
And they out of their troubles all
by him deliv'red are.

15 The Lord is ever nigh to them
that be of broken ſp'rit:
To them he ſafety doth afford
that are in heart contrite.

Pſal. xxxvii. 3, 4, 5, 6.

16 Set thou thy truſt upon the Lord,
and be thou doing good:
And ſo thou in the land ſhalt dwell,
and verily have food.

17 Delight

17 Delight thyſelf in God; he'll give
thine heart's deſire to thee.
Thy way to God commit, him truſt;
it bring to paſs ſhall he.

18 And, like unto the light, he ſhall
thy righteouſneſs diſplay;
And he thy judgement ſhall bring forth
like noon-tide of the day.

Pſal. xci. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

19 Aſſuredly he ſhall thee ſave,
and give deliverance
From ſubtle fowler's ſnare, and from
the noiſome peſtilence.

20 His feathers ſhall thee hide; thy truſt
under his wings ſhall be:
His faithfulneſs ſhall be a ſhield
and buckler unto thee.

21 Thou ſhalt not need to be afraid
for terrors of the night;
Nor for the arrow that doth fly
by day while it is light:

22 Nor for the peſtilence that walks
in darkneſs ſecretly:
Nor for deſtruction that doth waſte
at noon-day openly.

23 A thouſand at thy ſide ſhall fall;
on thy right-hand ſhall ly
Ten thouſand dead: but unto thee
it ſhall not once come nigh.

24 Only thou with thine eye ſhalt look,
and a beholder be;
And thou therein the juſt reward
of wicked men ſhalt ſee.

25 Becauſe the Lord, who conſtantly
my refuge is alone,
Ev'n the Moſt High is made by thee
thy habitation;

26 No plague ſhall near thy dwelling come,
no ill ſhall thee befal:
For, thee to keep in all thy ways
his angels charge he ſhall.

27 They in their hands ſhall bear thee up,
ſtill waiting thee upon,
Leſt thou at any time ſhouldſt daſh
thy foot againſt a ſtone.

28 Upon the adder thou ſhalt tread,
and on the lion ſtrong:
Thy feet on dragons trample ſhall,
and on the lions young.

29 Hate

Pſal. xcvii. 10, 11.

29 Hate ill, all ye that love the Lord:
his ſaints ſouls keepeth he;
And from the hands of wicked men
he ſets them ſafe and free.

30 For all thoſe that be righteous
ſown is a joyful light;
And gladneſs ſown is for all thoſe
that are in heart upright.

Pſal. cxxv. 1, 2.

31 They in the Lord that firmly truſt
ſhall be like Zion hill,
Which at no time can be remov'd,
but ſtandeth ever ſtill.

32 As round about Jeruſalem
the mountains ſtand alway,
The Lord his folk doth compaſs ſo
from henceforth and for ay.

Pſal. cxlvi. 5, 6, 7, 8.

33 O happy is that man, and bleſt,
whom Jacob's God doth aid,
Whoſe hope upon the Lord doth reſt,
and on his God is ſtaid:

34 Who made the earth, and heavens high;
who made the ſwelling deep,

And all that is within the ſame:
who truth doth ever keep.

35 Who righteous judgement executes
for thoſe oppreſt that be;
Who to the hungry giveth food:
God ſets the pris'ners free.

36 The Lord doth give the blind their ſight;
the bowed down doth raiſe:
The Lord doth dearly love all thoſe
that walk in upright ways.

Pſal. cxlix. 2, 3, 4.

37 Let Iſra'l in his Maker joy,
and to him praiſes ſing:
Let all that Zion's children are
be joyful in their King.

38 O let them unto his great name
give praiſes in the dance:
Let them with timbrel and with harp
in ſongs his praiſe advance.

39 For God doth pleaſure take in thoſe
that his own people be:
And he with his ſalvation
the meek will beautify.

40 The

Pſal. xxv. 2d verſion, 14.

40 The ſecret of the Lord is with
ſuch as do fear his name:
And he his holy covenant
will manifeſt to them.

Pſal. xxxi. 23.

41 O love the Lord, all ye his ſaints:
becauſe the Lord doth guard
The faithful; and he plenteouſly
proud doers doth reward.

Pſal. v. 11.

42 But let all joy that truſt in thee,
and ſtill make ſhouting noiſe;
For them thou ſav'ſt: let all that love
thy name, in thee rejoice.

Pſal. xxxi. 24.

43 Be of good courage, and he ſtrength
unto your heart ſhall ſend,
All ye whoſe hope and confidence
doth on the Lord depend.

Pſal. v. 12.

44 For, Lord, unto the righteous man
thou wilt thy bleſſing yield;
With favour thou wilt compaſs him
about, as with a ſhield.

Pſal. lxxxiv. 11, 12.

45 For God the Lord's a ſun and ſhield;
he'll grace and glory give:
And will with-hold no good from them
that uprightly do live.

46 O thou that art the Lord of hoſts!
that man is truly bleſt,
Who by aſſured confidence
on thee alone doth reſt.

Pſal. xxxii. 11.

47 Ye righteous, in the Lord be glad,
in him do ye rejoice:
All ye that upright are in heart,
for joy lift up your voice.

Pſal. xxxi. 24.

48 Be of good courage, and he ſtrength
unto your heart ſhall ſend,
All ye whoſe hope and confidence
doth on the Lord depend.

Pſal. xxxvii. 23, 24, 25.

49 A good man's footſteps by the Lord
are ordered aright:
And in the way wherein he walks
he greatly doth delight.

50 Although he fall, yet ſhall he not
be caſt down utterly:

Becauſe

Becauſe the Lord with his own hand
upholds him mightily.

51 I have been young, and now am old;
yet have I never ſeen
The juſt man left, nor that his ſeed
for bread have beggars been.

Pſal. iii. 8.

52 Salvation doth appertain
unto the Lord alone:
Thy bleſſing, Lord, for evermore
thy people is upon.

IX. THE GOODNESS OF GOD,

ACKNOWLEDGED PERSONALLY BY AN INDIVIDUAL.

Pſal. xxii. 9, 10.

1 LORD, thou art he out of the womb
that didſt me ſafely take:
When I was on my mother's breaſts,
thou me to hope didſt make.

2 And I was caſt upon thy care,
ev'n from the womb till now:
And from my mother's belly, Lord,
my God and guide art thou.

Pſal. lxxi. 17.

3 For even from my youth, O God,
by thee I have been taught:
And hitherto I have declar'd
the wonders thou haſt wrought.

Pſal. xvi. 6.

4 Unto me happily the lines
in pleaſant places fell;
Yea, the inheritance I got
in beauty doth excel.

Pſal. iv. 6, 7.

5 O, who will ſhew us any good?
is that which many ſay:
But of thy countenance the light,
Lord, lift on us alway.

6 Upon my heart beſtow'd by thee
more gladneſs I have found,
Than they, ev'n then, when corn and wine
did moſt with them abound.

Pſal. cxvi. 7.

7 O thou, my ſoul! do thou return
unto thy quiet reſt:
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath expreſt.

Pſal. iv. 8.

8 I will both lay me down in peace,
and quiet ſleep will take:
Becauſe thou only me to dwell
in ſafety, Lord, doſt make.

Pſal. xxvii. 1, 3, 5.

9 The Lord's my light and ſaving health,
who ſhall make me diſmaid?
My life's ſtrength is the Lord, of whom
then ſhall I be afraid?

10 Againſt me though an hoſt encamp,
my heart yet fearleſs is:
Though war againſt me riſe, I will
be confident in this:

11 For he in his pavilion ſhall
me hide in evil days;
In ſecret of his tent me hide,
and on a rock me raiſe.

Pſal. xxviii. 7.

12 The Lord's my ſtrength and ſhield; my heart
upon him did rely,
And I am helped: hence my heart
doth joy exceedingly.

Pſal. iii. 5, 6.

13 I laid me down and ſlept, I wak'd;
for God ſuſtained me.

I will not fear though thouſands ten
ſet round againſt me be.

Pſal. xxvii. 6.

14 And now, ev'n at this preſent time,
mine head ſhall lifted be
Above all thoſe that are my foes,
and round encompaſs me:

Pſal. xl. 1, 2, 3.

15 I waited for the Lord my God,
and patiently did bear;
At length to me he did incline
my voice and cry to hear.

16 He took me from a fearful pit,
and from the miry clay;
And on a rock he ſet my feet,
eſtabliſhing my way.

17 He put a new ſong in my mouth,
our God to magnify:
Many ſhall ſee it, and ſhall fear,
and on the Lord rely.

Pſal. xviii. 46, 47, 48, 49.

18 God lives, bleſt be my Rock; the God
of my health praiſed be.
God doth avenge me, and ſubdues
the people under me.

19 He

19 He ſaves me from mine enemies:
yea, thou haſt lifted me
Above my foes; and from the man
of vi'lence ſet me free.

20 Therefore to thee will I give thanks
the heathen folk among;
And to thy name, O Lord, I will
ſing praiſes in a ſong.

Pſal. cxvi. 1, 2, 3, 4.

21 I love the Lord, becauſe my voice
and prayers he did hear;
I, while I live, will call on him,
who bowed to me his ear.

22 Of death the cords and ſorrows did
about me compaſs round;
The pains of hell took hold on me,
I grief and trouble found.

23 Upon the name of God the Lord
then did I call, and ſay,
Deliver thou my ſoul, O Lord!
I do thee humbly pray.

Pſal. cxxxviii. 2.

24 I'll praiſe thy name ev'n for thy truth,
and kindneſs of thy love;

For

For thou thy word haſt magnify'd
all thy great name above.

Pſal. cxvi. 8.

25 For my diſtreſſed ſoul from death
deliv'red was by thee;
Thou didſt my mourning eyes from tears,
my feet from falling free.

Pſal. cxxxviii. 3.

26 Thou didſt me anſwer in the day
when I to thee did cry;
And thou my fainting ſoul with ſtrength
didſt ſtrengthen inwardly.

Pſal. lxi. 4, 5.

27 Within thy tabernacle I
for ever will abide;
And, under covert of thy wings,
with confidence me hide.

28 For thou the vows that I did make,
O Lord my God, didſt hear:
Thou haſt giv'n me the heritage
of thoſe thy name that fear.

Pſal. lxii. 7.

29 In God my glory placed is,
and my ſalvation ſure;
In God the rock is of my ſtrength,
my refuge moſt ſecure.

30 All

Pſal. lxvi. 16, 17.

30 All that fear God, come, hear, I'll tell
what he did for my ſoul;
I with my mouth unto him cry'd,
my tongue did him extol.

Pſal. xxxiv. 3, 4.

31 Extol the Lord with me, let us
exalt his name together.
I ſought the Lord, he heard, and did
me from all fears deliver.

Pſal lxvi. 20.

32 O let the Lord our gracious God
for ever bleſſed be,
Who turned not my pray'rs from him,
nor yet his grace from me.

Pſal. xxiii.

33 The Lord's my ſhepherd I'll not want.
He makes me down to ly
In paſtures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

34 My ſoul he doth reſtore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteouſneſs,
ev'n for his own name's ſake.

35 Yea,

35 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
and ſtaff me comfort ſtill.

36 My table thou haſt furniſhed
in preſence of my foes:
My head thou doſt with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

37 Goodneſs and mercy all my life
ſhall ſurely follow me:
And in God's houſe for evermore
my dwelling place ſhall be.

Pſal. xxx. 1, 2, 3, 4.

38 Lord, I will thee extol, for thou
haſt lifted me on high;
And over me thou to rejoice
mad'ſt not mine enemy.

39 O thou who art the Lord my God!
I in diſtreſs to thee
With loud cries lifted up my voice,
and thou haſt healed me.

40 O Lord, my ſoul thou haſt brought up,
and reſcu'd from the grave:
That I to pit ſhould not go down,
alive thou didſt me ſave.

41 O

41 O ye that are his holy ones,
ſing praiſe unto the Lord;
And give unto him thanks, when you
his holineſs record.

X. THE MERCY OF GOD,

OR HIS GOODNESS TO SINNERS.

Pſalm xxv. 2d verſion, 8.

1 THE Lord is good and gracious,
he upright is alſo:
He therefore ſinners will inſtruct
in ways that they ſhould go.

Pſal. cxxx. 3, 4.

2 Lord, who ſhall ſtand, if thou, O Lord,
ſhouldſt mark iniquity?
But yet with thee forgiveneſs is,
that fear'd thou mayeſt be.

Pſal. lxxxvi. 15.

3 For thou art full of pity, Lord!
a God moſt gracious,
Long-ſuffering, and in thy truth
and mercy plenteous.

Pſal, lxv. 1, 2, 3.

4 Praiſe waits for thee in Sion, Lord!
to thee vows paid ſhall be.
O thou that hearer art of pray'r!
all fleſh ſhall come to thee.

5 Iniquities, I muſt confeſs,
prevail againſt me do:
But as for our tranſgreſſions,
them purge away ſhalt thou.

Pſal. lxxxv. 2.

6 Thou pardoned thy people haſt
all their iniquities;
Thou all their treſpaſſes and ſins
haſt cover'd from thine eyes.

Pſal. lxxxv. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.

7 That in thee may thy people joy,
wilt thou not us revive?
Shew us thy mercy, Lord; to us
do thy ſalvation give.

8 I'll hear what God the Lord will ſpeak:
to his folk he'll ſpeak peace,
And to his ſaints; but let them not
return to fooliſhneſs.

9 To them that fear him, ſurely near
is his ſalvation:

That

That glory in our land may have
her habitation.

10 Truth met with mercy, righteouſneſs
and peace kiſs'd mutually:
Truth ſprings from earth, & righteouſneſs
looks down from heaven high.

11 Yea, what is good the Lord ſhall give:
our land ſhall yield increaſe.
Juſtice, to ſet us in his ſteps,
ſhall go before his face.

XI. ON THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.

Pſalm lxxxix. 1, 2.

1 GOD's mercies I will ever ſing;
and with my mouth I ſhall
Thy faithfulneſs make to be known
to generations all.

2 For mercy ſhall be built, ſaid I,
for ever to endure:
Thy faithfulneſs, ev'n in the heav'ns,
thou wilt eſtabliſh ſure.

Pſal. xviii. 30, 31, 32.

3 As for God, perfect is his way;
the Lord his word is try'd:
He is a buckler to all thoſe
who do in him confide.

4 Who but the Lord is God, but he
who is a rock and ſtay:
'Tis God that girdeth me with ſtrength,
and perfect makes my way.

Pſal. cv. 8.

5 His cov'nant he remember'd hath,
that it may ever ſtand;
To thouſand generations
the word he did command.

Pſal. cxix. 89, 90, 137, 138, 142, 160.

6 Thy word for ever is, O Lord,
in heaven ſettled faſt:
Unto all generations
thy faithfulneſs doth laſt.

7 O Lord, thou art moſt righteous;
thy judgements are upright.
Thy teſtimonies thou command'ſt
moſt faithful are, and right.

8 Thy righteouſneſs is righteouſneſs
which ever doth endure:

Thy

Thy holy law, Lord, alſo is
the very truth moſt pure.

9 From the beginning, all thy word
hath been moſt true and ſure:
Thy righteous judgements ev'ry one
for evermore endure.

Pſal. cxix. 152.

10 As for thy teſtimonies all,
of old this have I try'd,
That thou haſt ſurely founded them
for ever to abide.

Pſal. xciii. 5.

11 Thy teſtimonies ev'ry one
in faithfulneſs excel:
And holineſs for ever, Lord,
thine houſe becómeth well.

Pſal. cxlvi. 5, 6.

12 O happy is that man, and bleſt,
whom Jacob's God doth aid,
Whoſe hope upon the Lord doth reſt,
and on his God is ſtaid:

13 Who made the earth, and heavens high;
who made the ſwelling deep,
And all that is within the ſame:
who truth doth ever keep.

Pſal. lxxi. 22, 23.

14 Thee, ev'n thy truth, I'll alſo praiſe,
my God, with pſaltery:
Thou holy One of Iſrael,
with harp I'll ſing to thee.

15 My lips ſhall much rejoice in thee,
when I thy praiſes ſound:
My ſoul, which thou redeemed haſt,
in joy ſhall much abound.

XII. ON THE ETERNITY OF GOD.

Pſalm xc. 1, 2, 3, 4.

1 LORD, thou haſt been our dwelling-place
in generations all,
Before thou ever hadſt brought forth
the mountains great or ſmall.

2 Ere ever thou hadſt form'd the earth,
and all the world abroad,
Ev'n thou, from everlaſting art
to everlaſting God.

3 Thou doſt unto deſtruction
man that is mortal turn:

And

And unto them thou ſay'ſt, Again
ye ſons of men return.

4 Becauſe a thouſand years appear
no more before thy ſight,
Than yeſterday when it is paſt,
or than a watch by night.

Pſal. cii. 25, 26, 27.

5 The firm foundations of the earth
of old time thou haſt laid:
The heavens alſo are the work
which thine own hands have made.

6 Thou ſhalt for evermore endure,
but they ſhall periſh all:
Yea, ev'ry one of them wax old,
like to a garment, ſhall.

7 Thou as a veſture ſhalt them change,
and they ſhall changed be:
But thou the ſame art, and thy years
are to eternity.

Pſal. ix. 7, 8.

8 God ſhall endure for ay: he doth
for judgement ſet his throne;
In righteouſneſs to judge the world,
juſtice to give each one.

9 The

Pſal. cxlvi. 10.

9 The Lord ſhall reign for evermore,
thy God, O Zion, he
Reigns to all generations.
Praiſe to the Lord give ye.

XIII. ON THE AWFUL MAJESTY OF GOD.

Pſalm lxxvii. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

1 O GOD, thy way moſt holy is
within thy ſanctuary:
And what God is ſo great in pow'r
as is our God moſt high?

2 Thou art the God that wonders doſt
by thy right-hand moſt ſtrong:
Thy mighty pow'r thou haſt declar'd
the nations among.

3 To thine own people with thine arm
thou didſt redemption bring;
To Jacob's ſons, and to the tribes
of Joſeph that do ſpring.

4 The waters, Lord, perceived thee,
the waters ſaw thee well:

And

And they for fear aſide did flee ;
the depths on trembling fell.

5 The clouds in water forth were pour'd,
ſound loudly did the ſky ;
And ſwiftly through the world abroad
thine arrows fierce did fly.

6 Thy thunder's voice alongſt the heav'n
a mighty noiſe did make :
By lightnings lightned was the world,
th' earth tremble did and ſhake.

7 Thy way is in the ſea, and in
the waters great thy path ;
Yet are thy footſteps hid, O Lord !
none knowledge thereof hath.

Pſal. xxix. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.

8 The voice of the Eternal doth
aſunder cedars tear :
Yea, God the Lord doth cedars break
that Lebanon doth bear.

9 He makes them like a calf to ſkip ;
ev'n that great Lebanon ;
And like to a young unicorn
the mountain Sirion.

10 God's

10 God's voice divides the flames of fire :
the deſert it doth ſhake :
The Lord doth make the wilderneſs
of Kadeſh all to quake.

11 God's voice doth make the hinds to calve ;
it makes the foreſts bare :
And in his temple ev'ry one
his glory doth declare.

Pſal. lxviii. 7, 8.

12 O God, what time thou didſt go forth
before thy people's face ;
And when through the great wilderneſs
thy glorious marching was :

13 Then at God's preſence ſhook the earth ;
then drops from heaven fell :
This Sinai ſhook before the Lord,
the God of Iſrael.

Pſal. xviii. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

14 Up from his noſtrils came a ſmoke,
and from his mouth there came
Devouring fire : and coals by it
were turned into flame.

15 He alſo bowed down the heav'ns,
and thence he did deſcend :

And thickeſt clouds of darkneſs did
under his feet attend.

16 And he upon a cherub rode,
and thereon he did fly:
Yea, on the ſwift wings of the wind
his flight was from on high.

17 He darkneſs made his ſecret place:
about him for his tent
Dark waters were, and thickeſt clouds
of th' airy firmament.

18 And at the brightneſs of that light
which was before his eye,
His thick clouds paſt away, hail-ſtones,
and coals of fire did fly.

19 The Lord God alſo in the heav'ns
did thunder in his ire;
And there the Higheſt gave his voice,
hail-ſtones and coals of fire.

20 Yea, he his arrows ſent abroad,
and them he ſcattered:
His lightnings alſo he ſhot out,
and them diſcomfited.

21 The waters channels then were ſeen,
the world's foundations vaſt

At thy rebuke diſcover'd were,
and at thy noſtril's blaſt.

Pſal. cxiv. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

22 He Judah did his ſanctuary,
his kingdom Iſra'l make;
The ſea it ſaw, and quickly fled;
Jordan was driven back.

23 Like rams the mountains, and like lambs
the hills ſkipt to and fro.
O ſea, why fledſt thou? Jordan, back
why waſt thou driven ſo?

24 Ye mountains great, wherefore was it
that ye did ſkip like rams?
And wherefore was it, little hills,
that ye did leap like lambs?

25 O at the preſence of the Lord,
earth, tremble thou for fear,
While as the preſence of the God
of Jacob doth appear.

Pſal. lxv. 5, 6, 7, 8.

26 O God of our ſalvation!
thou in thy righteouſneſs,
By fearful works unto our prayers
thine anſwer doſt expreſs:

27 Therefore

7 Therefore the ends of all the earth,
and thoſe afar that be
Upon the ſea, their confidence,
O Lord, will place in thee.

8 Who, being girt with pow'r, ſets faſt,
by his great ſtrength, the hills.
Who noiſe of ſeas, noiſe of their waves,
and peoples tumult ſtills.

9 Thoſe in the utmoſt parts that dwell
are at thy ſigns afraid:
Th' out-goings of the morn and ev'n
by thee are joyful made.

Pſal. xcix.

30 Th' eternal Lord doth reign as King,
let all the people quake:
He ſits between the cherubims,
let th' earth be mov'd and ſhake.

31 The Lord in Sion great and high
above all people is.
Thy great and dreadful name (for it
is holy) let them bleſs.

32 The king's ſtrength alſo judgement loves,
thou ſettleſt equity.
Juſt judgement thou doſt execute
in Jacob righteouſly.

33 The Lord our God exalt on high,
and rev'rently do ye
Before his footſtool worſhip him:
the holy One is he.

34 Moſes and Aaron 'mongſt his prieſts,
Samuel with them that call
Upon his name: theſe call'd on God,
and he them anſwer'd all.

35 Within the pillar of the cloud
he unto them did ſpeak:
The teſtimonies he them taught,
and laws, they did not break.

36 Thou anſwer'dſt them, O Lord our God!
thou waſt a God that gave
Pardon to them, though on their deeds
thou wouldeſt vengeance have.

37 Do ye exalt the Lord our God,
and at his holy hill
Do ye him worſhip: for the Lord
our God is holy ſtill.

Pſal. lxviii. 17, 32, 33, 34, 35.

38 God's chariots twenty thouſand are,
thouſands of angels ſtrong:
In's holy place God is, as in
mount Sinai them among.

39 O all ye kingdoms of the earth,
ſing praiſes to this King:
For he is Lord that ruleth all,
unto him praiſes ſing.

40 To him that rides on heav'ns of heav'ns,
which he of old did found;
Lo, he ſends forth his voice, a voice
in might that doth abound.

41 Strength unto God do ye aſcribe:
for his excellency
Is over Iſrael; his ſtrength,
is in the clouds moſt high.

42 Thou'rt from thy temple dreadful, Lord;
Iſra'l's own God is he,
Who gives his people ſtrength and pow'r:
O let God bleſſed be.

XIV. ON THE INFINITY OF ALL THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES.

Pſalm l. 2d verſion, 2.

1 FROM out of Sion his own hill,
where the perfection high
Of beauty is, from thence the Lord
hath ſhined glorioufly.

Pſal. cxiii. 3, 4.

2 From riſing ſun, to where it ſets,
God's name is to be prais'd.
Above all nations God is high;
'bove heav'n his glory rais'd.

Pſal. xxxvi. 5.

3 Thy mercy, Lord, is in the heav'ns;
thy truth doth reach the clouds:
Thy juſtice is like mountains great;
thy judgements deep as floods.

Pſal. cxiii. 5, 6.

4 Unto the Lord our God, that dwells
on high, who can compare?
Himſelf that humbleth things to ſee
in heav'n and earth that are?

Pſal. lxxxvi. 8, 9, 10.

5 Lord, there is none among the gods
that may with thee compare;
And like the works which thou haſt done
not any work is there.

6 All nations whom thou mad'ſt ſhall come
and worſhip rev'rently
Before thy face; and they, O Lord,
thy name ſhall glorify.

7 Becauſe thou art exceeding great;
and works by thee are done

Which

Which are to be admir'd : and thou
art God thyſelf alone.

Pſal. lxxxix. 6.

8 For who in heav'n with the Lord
may once himſelf compare ?
Who is like God among the ſons
of thoſe that mighty are ?

Pſal. xc. 11, 12.

9 Who knows the power of thy wrath?
According to thy fear,
So is thy wrath. Lord, teach thou us
our end in mind to bear :

10 And ſo to count our days, that we
our hearts may ſtill apply
To learn thy wiſdom and thy truth,
that we may live thereby.

Pſal. cviii. 3, 4.

11 I'll praiſe thee 'mongſt the people, Lord;
'mong nations ſing will I.
For above heav'n thy mercy's great :
thy truth doth reach the ſky.

Pſal. xcvii. 9.

12 For thou, O Lord, art high above
all things on earth that are :
Above all other gods thou art
exalted very far.

Pſal. cxi. 2.

13 The whole works of the Lord our God
are great above all meaſure:
Sought out they are of ev'ry one
that doth therein take pleaſure.

Pſal. cxiii. 5.

14 Unto the Lord our God, that dwells
on high, who can compare?
Himſelf that humbleth things to ſee
in heav'n and earth that are?

Pſal. cxlv. 1ſt verſion, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

15 Great is the Lord, much to be prais'd;
his greatneſs ſearch exceeds.
Race unto race ſhall praiſe thy works,
and ſhew thy mighty deeds.

16 Thee all thy works ſhall praiſe, O Lord;
and thee thy ſaints ſhall bleſs:
They ſhall thy kingdom's glory ſhow,
thy pow'r by ſpeech expreſs.

17 To make the ſons of men to know
his acts done mightily,
And of his kingdom th' excellent
and glorious majeſty.

18 Thy kingdom ſhall for ever ſtand;
thy reign through ages all.

God

God raiſeth all that are bow'd down,
upholdeth all that fall.

Pſal. xlv. 6.

19 For ever and for ever is,
O God, thy throne of might:
The ſceptre of thy kingdom is
a ſceptre that is right.

Pſal. xli. 13.

20 The Lord the God of Iſrael,
be bleſt for ever, then;
From age to age, eternally.
Amen, yea, and amen.

XV. ON THE FAVOUR OF GOD,

AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF PROTECTION AND HAPPINESS TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

Pſalm cxlvi.

1 PRAISE God. The Lord praiſe, O my ſoul!
I'll praiſe God while I live:
While I have being, to my God
in ſongs I'll praiſes give.

2 Truſt not in princes, nor man's ſon,
in whom there is no ſtay.

His

His breath departs; to's earth he turns:
that day his thoughts decay.

3 O happy is that man, and bleſt,
whom Jacob's God doth aid;
Whoſe hope upon the Lord doth reſt,
and on his God is ſtaid:

4 Who made the earth and heavens high;
who made the ſwelling deep,
And all that is within the ſame:
who truth doth ever keep.

5 Who righteous judgement executes
for thoſe oppreſt that be;
Who to the hungry giveth food:
God ſets the pris'ners free.

6 The Lord doth give the blind their ſight;
the bowed down doth raiſe:
The Lord doth dearly love all thoſe
That walk in upright ways.

The ſtranger's ſhield, the widow's ſtay,
the orphan's help is he:
But yet by him the wicked's way
turn'd upſide down ſhall be.

8 The Lord ſhall reign for evermore:
thy God, O Zion, he

Reigns

Reigns to all generations.
Praiſe to the Lord give ye.

Pſal. cxxi.

9 I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid.
My ſafety cometh from the Lord,
who heav'n and earth hath made.

10 Thy foot he'll not let ſlide: nor will
he ſlumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Iſrael,
he ſlumbers not, nor ſleeps.

11 The Lord thee keeps: the Lord, thy ſhade,
on thy right hand doth ſtay.
The moon by night thee ſhall not ſmite;
nor yet the ſun by day.

12 The Lord ſhall keep thy ſoul: he ſhall
preſerve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

Pſal. lxii. 5, 6, 7.

13 My ſoul, wait thou with patience
upon thy God alone:
On him dependeth all my hope
and expectation.

14 He

14 He only my ſalvation is;
and my ſtrong rock is he:
He only is my ſure defence.
I ſhall not moved be.

15 In God my glory placed is,
and my ſalvation ſure:
In God the rock is of my ſtrength,
my refuge moſt ſecure.

Pſal. lxxiii. 25, 26, 27, 28.

16 Whom have I in heavens high,
but thee, O Lord, alone?
And in the earth, whom I deſire
beſides thee, there is none.

17 My fleſh and heart doth faint and fail;
but God doth fail me never:
For of my heart God is the ſtrength
and portion for ever.

18 For lo, they that are far from thee
for ever periſh ſhall:
Them that a-whoring from thee go
thou haſt deſtroyed all.

19 But ſurely it is good for me
that I draw near to God:
In God I truſt; that all thy works
I may declare abroad.

Pſal. lxxxiv. 12.

O thou that art the Lord of hoſts!
that man is truly bleſt,
Who by aſſured confidence
on thee alone doth reſt.

XVI. ON THE FAVOUR OF GOD,

AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF PROTECTION AND HAPPINESS TO COMMUNITIES.

Pſalm lxxxix. 15, 16, 17, 18.

1 O Greatly bleſt the people are
the joyful ſound that know:
In brightneſs of thy face, O Lord,
they ever on ſhall go.

2 They in thy name ſhall all the day
rejoice exceedingly:
And in thy righteouſneſs ſhall they
exalted be on high.

3 Becauſe the glory of their ſtrength
doth only ſtand in thee:
And in thy favour ſhall our horn
and pow'r exalted be.

4 For

4 For God is our defence, and he
to us doth ſafety bring:
The holy One of Iſrael
is our almighty King.

Pſal. xlvi. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11.

5 God is our refuge, and our ſtrength;
in ſtraits a preſent aid:
Therefore, although the earth remove,
we will not be afraid.

6 Though hills amidſt the ſea be caſt;
though waters roaring make,
And troubled be; yea, though the hills
by ſwelling ſeas do ſhake.

7 A river is, whoſe ſtreams do glad
the city of our God:
The holy place, wherein the Lord
moſt high hath his abode.

8 God in the midſt of her doth dwell;
nothing ſhall her remove:
The Lord to her an helper will,
and that right early, prove.

9 The Lord of hoſts upon our ſide
doth conſtantly remain:
The God of Jacob's our refuge,
us ſafely to maintain.

10 Our

10 Our God, who is the Lord of hoſts,
is ſtill upon our ſide:
The God of Jacob our refuge
for ever will abide.

Pſal. xxxiii. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

11 That nation bleſſed is, whoſe God
JEHOVAH is: and thoſe
A bleſſed people are, whom for
his heritage he choſe.

12 The Lord from heav'n ſees and beholds
all ſons of men full well.
He views all from his dwelling-place
that on the earth do dwell.

13 He forms their hearts alike: and all
their doings he obſerves.
Great hoſts ſave not a king: much ſtrength
no mighty man preſerves.

14 An horſe for preſervation
is a deceitful thing:
And by the greatneſs of his ſtrength
can no deliv'rance bring.

15 Behold, on thoſe that do him fear
the Lord doth ſet his eye:
Ev'n thoſe who on his mercy do
with confidence rely.

16 From death to free their ſoul, in dearth
life unto them to yield.
Our ſoul doth wait upon the Lord:
he is our help and ſhield.

17 Sith in his holy name we truſt,
our heart ſhall joyful be.
Lord, let thy mercy be on us,
as we do hope in thee.

Pſal. xliv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

18 O God, we with our ears have heard,
our fathers have us told
What works thou in their days hadſt done,
ev'n in the days of old.

19 Thy hand did drive the heathen out,
and plant them in their place:
Thou didſt afflict the nations,
but them thou didſt increaſe.

20 For neither got their ſword the land,
nor did their arm them ſave:
But thy right hand, arm, countenance;
for thou them favour gave.

21 Thou art my king; for Jacob, Lord,
deliv'rances command.
Through thee we ſhall puſh down our foes
that do againſt us ſtand.

22 We

22 We through thy name ſhall tread down
that ris'n againſt us have. [thoſe
For in my bow I ſhall not truſt,
nor ſhall my ſword me ſave.

Pſal. lxix. 35, 36.

23 For God will Judah's cities build,
and he will Sion ſave:
That they may dwell therein, and it
in ſure poſſeſſion have.

24 And they that are his ſervants ſeed
inherit ſhall the ſame:
So ſhall they have their dwelling there
that love his bleſſed name.

Pſal. xciv. 14, 15.

25 For ſure the Lord will not caſt off
thoſe that his people be:
Neither his own inheritance
quit and forſake will he.

26 But judgement unto righteouſneſs
ſhall yet return again;
And all ſhall follow after it,
that are right-hearted men.

Pſal. cii. 1ſt verſion. 13. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

27 Thou ſhalt ariſe, and mercy have
upon thy Zion yet:

The time to favour her is come,
the time that thou haſt ſet.

28 For in her rubbiſh and her ſtones
thy ſervants pleaſure take:
Yea, they the very duſt thereof
do favour for her ſake.

29 So ſhall the heathen people fear
the Lord's moſt holy name:
And all the kings on earth ſhall dread
thy glory and thy fame.

30 When Zion by the mighty Lord
built up again ſhall be;
In glory, then, and majeſty,
to men appear ſhall he.

31 The prayer of the deſtitute
he ſurely will regard:
Their prayer will he not deſpiſe;
by him it ſhall be heard.

32 For generations yet to come
this ſhall be on record:
So ſhall the people, that ſhall be
created, praiſe the Lord.

Pſal. cxxxii. 13, 14, 15, 16.

33 For God of Zion hath made choice;
there he deſires to dwell.

This

This is my reſt: here ſtill I'll ſtay;
for I do like it well.

34 Her food I'll greatly bleſs; her poor
with bread will ſatisfy:
Her prieſts I'll clothe with health; her ſaints
ſhall ſhout forth joyfully.

Pſal. cxliv. 15.

35 Thoſe people bleſſed are who be
in ſuch a caſe as this:
Yea, bleſſed all thoſe people are
whoſe God JEHOVAH is.

Pſal. cxxiv. 1ſt verſion.

36 Had not the Lord been on our ſide,
may Iſrael now ſay:
Had not the Lord been on our ſide,
when men roſe us to ſlay:

37 They had us ſwallow'd quick, when as
their wrath 'gainſt us did flame:
Waters had cover'd us; our ſoul
had ſunk beneath the ſtream.

38 Then had the waters, ſwelling high,
over our ſoul made way.
Bleſt be the Lord, who to their teeth
us gave not for a pray.

39 Our ſouls eſcaped, as a bird
out of the fowler's ſnare:
The ſnare aſunder broken is,
and we eſcaped are.

40 Our ſure and all-ſufficient help
is in JEHOVAH's name;
His name, who did the heav'ns create,
and who the earth did frame.

XVII. ON THE REASONABLENESS OF THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD.

Pſal. xcv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1 O COME, let us ſing to the Lord:
come, let us every one
A joyful noiſe make to the Rock
of our ſalvation.

2 Let us before his preſence come
with praiſe and thankful voice:
Let us ſing pſams to him with grace;
and make a joyful noiſe.

3 For God a great God, and great King,
above all gods he is.

Depths

Depths of the earth are in his hand:
the ſtrength of hills is his.

4 To him the ſpacious ſea belongs,
for he the ſame did make:
The dry land alſo from his hands
its form at firſt did take.

5 O come, and let us worſhip him;
let us bow down withal:
And on our knees, before the Lord,
our Maker, let us fall.

Pſal. c. 2d verſion, 3, 4.

7 Know ye the Lord, that he is God;
not we, but he us made:
We are his people, and the ſheep
within his paſture fed.

8 Enter his gates and courts with praiſe;
to thank him go ye thither:
To him expreſs your thankfulneſs,
and bleſs his name together.

XVIII. ON THE PLEASURE AND ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Pſalm lxxxiv. 1, 2.

1 HOW lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hoſts, to me!
The tabernacles of thy grace
how pleaſant, Lord, they be!

2 My thirſty ſoul longs veh'mently;
yea, faints thy courts to ſee:
My very heart and fleſh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

Pſal. xxvii. 8.

3 When thou didſt ſay, ſeek ye my face;
then unto thee reply
Thus did my heart, Above all things
thy face, Lord, ſeek will I.

Pſal. lxxxiv. 10.

4 For in thy courts one day excels
a thouſand: rather in
My God's houſe will I keep a door,
than dwell in tents of ſin.

Pſal. cxxii. 1, 2.

5 I joy'd, when to the houſe of God,
Go up, they ſaid to me.

Jeruſalem,

Jeruſalem, within thy gates
our feet ſhall ſtanding be.

Pſal. lxv. 4.

6 Bleſt is the man whom thou doſt chuſe;
and mak'ſt approach to thee;
That he within thy courts, O Lord,
may ſtill a dweller be.

7 We ſurely ſhall be ſatisfy'd
with thy abundant grace;
And with the goodneſs of thy houſe,
ev'n of thy holy place.

Pſal. cxxxii. 7, 8.

8 We'll go into his tabernacles,
and at his footſtool bow.
Ariſe, O Lord, into thy reſt,
th' ark of my ſtrength, and thou.

Pſal. cxxxv. 1, 2, 3.

9 Praiſe ye the Lord, the Lord's name praiſe:
his ſervants, praiſe ye God,
Who ſtand in God's houſe, in the courts
of our God make abode.

10 Praiſe ye the Lord, for he is good;
unto him praiſes ſing:
Sing praiſes to his name, becauſe
it is a pleaſant thing.

Pſal. cxlix. 1, 2.

11 Praiſe ye the Lord. Unto him ſing
a new ſong; and his praiſe
In the aſſembly of his ſaints
in ſweet pſalms do ye raiſe.

12 Let Iſra'l in his Maker joy,
and to him praiſes ſing:
Let all that Sion's children are
be joyful in their king.

Pſal. cxi. 1, 2.

13 Praiſe ye the Lord. With my whole heart
I will God's praiſe declare,
Where the aſſemblies of the juſt
and congregations are.

14 The whole works of the Lord our God
are great above all meaſure;
Sought out they are of ev'ry one
that do therein take pleaſure.

Pſal. cxvi. 17, 18, 19.

15 Thank-off'rings I to thee will give,
and on God's name will call.
I'll pay my vows now to the Lord,
before his people all:

16 Within the courts of God's own houſe,
within the midſt of thee,

O city of Jeruſalem !
Praiſe to the Lord give ye.

XIX. ON THE PERFECTION OF THE LAW OF GOD.

Pſalm xix. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

1 GOD's law is perfect, and converts
the ſoul in ſin that lies:
God's teſtimony is moſt ſure,
and makes the ſimple wiſe.

2 The ſtatutes of the Lord are right,
and do rejoice the heart:
The Lord's command is pure, and doth
light to the eyes impart.

3 Unſpotted is the fear of God,
and doth endure for ever:
The judgements of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

4 They more than gold, yea, much fine gold,
to be deſired are:
Than honey, honey from the comb
that droppeth, ſweeter far.

5 Moreover, they thy ſervant warn
how he his life ſhould frame:

A great reward provided is
for them that keep the ſame.

Pſal. cxix. 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

6 By what means ſhall a young man learn
his way to purify?
If he according to thy word
thereto attentive be.

7 Thy word I in my heart have hid,
that I offend not thee.
O Lord, thou ever bleſſed art:
thy ſtatutes teach thou me.

8 The judgements of thy mouth each one
my lips declared have:
More joy thy teſtimonies way
than riches all me gave.

9 I will thy holy precepts make
my meditation,
And carefully I'll have reſpect
unto thy ways each one.

10 Upon thy ſtatutes my delight
ſhall conſtantly be ſet:
And by thy grace I never will
thy holy word forget.

11 Teach

Pſal. cxix. 33, 34, 35, 36.

11 Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way
of thy precepts divine,
And to obſerve it to the end
I ſhall my heart incline.

12 Give underſtanding unto me,
ſo keep thy law ſhall I,
Yea, ev'n with my whole heart I ſhall
obſerve it carefully.

13 In thy law's path make me to go,
for I delight therein.
My heart unto thy teſtimonies,
and not to greed incline.

Pſal. cxix. 92, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99.

14 Unleſs in thy moſt perfect law
my ſoul delights had found,
I ſhould have periſhed when as
my troubles did abound.

15 Thy precepts I will ne'er forget:
they quickning to me brought.
Lord, I am thine, O ſave thou me:
thy precepts I have ſought.

16 An end of all perfection
here have I ſeen, O God:

But, as for thy commandement,
it is exceeding broad.

17 O how love I thy law! it is
my ſtudy all the day.
It makes me wiſer than my foes:
for it doth with me ſtay.

18 Than all my teachers, now I have
more underſtanding far:
Becauſe my meditation
thy teſtimonies are.

Pſal. cxix. 103, 104, 105, 106.

19 How ſweet unto my taſte, O Lord,
are all thy words of truth!
Yea, I do find them ſweeter far
than honey to my mouth.

20 I thro' thy precepts, that are pure,
do underſtanding get:
I therefore ev'ry way that's falſe
with all my heart do hate.

21 Thy word is to my feet a lamp,
and to my path a light.
I ſworn have, and I will perform,
to keep thy judgements right.

22 I

Pſal. cxix. 111, 112.

22 I of thy teſtimonies have
above all things made choice,
To be my heritage for ay:
for they my heart rejoice.

23 I carefully inclined have
my heart ſtill to attend,
That I thy ſtatutes may perform
alway unto the end.

Pſal. cxix. 129, 130, 131.

24 Thy ſtatutes, Lord, are wonderful:
my ſoul them keeps with care.
The entrance of thy word gives light;
makes wiſe who ſimple are.

25 My mouth I have wide opened,
and panted earneſtly;
While after thy commandements
I long'd exceedingly.

Pſal. cxix. 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 144.

26 O Lord, thou art moſt righteous:
thy judgements are upright.
Thy teſtimonies thou command'ſt
moſt faithful are, and right.

27 Thy word's moſt pure: therefore on it
thy ſervant's love is ſet.

22 I

Small, and deſpis'd I am: yet I
thy precepts not forget.

28 Thy righteouſneſs is righteouſneſs
which ever doth endure:
Thy holy law, Lord, alſo is
the very truth moſt pure.

29 Eternal righteouſneſs is in
thy teſtimonies all:
Lord, to me underſtanding give,
and ever live I ſhall.

Pſal. cxix. 162, 163.

30 I at thy word rejoice, as one
of ſpoil that finds great ſtore.
Thy law I love: but lying all
I hate and do abhor.

Pſal. cxix. 165, 166, 167, 168, 172.

31 Great peace have they who love thy law;
offence they ſhall have none.
I hop'd for thy ſalvation, Lord;
and thy commands have done.

32 My ſoul thy teſtimonies pure
obſerved carefully:
On them my heart is ſet, and them
I love exceedingly.

33 Thy

33 Thy teſtimonies and thy laws
I kept with ſpecial care:
For all my works and ways each one
before thee open are.

34 My tongue of thy moſt bleſſed word
ſhall ſpeak, and it confeſs:
Becauſe all thy commandements
are perfect righteouſneſs.

XX. ON SINCERITY OF HEART IN APPROACHING TO GOD.

Pſalm xvii. 1.

1 LORD, hear the right: attend my cry;
unto my pray'r give heed,
That doth not in hypocriſy
from feigned lips proceed.

Pſal. v. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

2 Give ear into my words, O Lord;
my meditation weigh.
Hear my loud cry, my King, my God!
for I to thee will pray.

3 Lord, thou ſhalt early hear my voice;
I early will direct

My pray'r to thee; and, looking up,
an anſwer will expect.

4 For thou art not a God that doth
in wickedneſs delight:
Neither ſhall evil ſtand with thee;
nor fools ſtand in thy ſight.

5 All that ill doers are thou hat'ſt;
Cut'ſt off that liars be:
The bloody and deceitful man
abhorred is by thee.

6 But I into thy houſe will come
in thine abundant grace;
And I will worſhip in thy fear
toward thy holy place.

Pſal. xv.

7 Within thy tabernacle, Lord,
who ſhall abide with thee?
And in thy high and holy hill,
who ſhall a dweller be?

8 The man that walketh uprightly,
and worketh righteouſneſs:
And, as he thinketh in his heart,
ſo doth he truth expreſs.

9 Who

9 Who doth not ſlander with his tongue ;
nor to his friend doth hurt ;
Nor yet againſt his neighbour doth
take up an ill report.

10 In whoſe eyes vile men are deſpis'd :
but thoſe that God do fear
He honoureth : and changeth not,
tho' to his hurt he ſwear.

11 His coin puts not to uſury ;
nor take reward will he
Againſt the guiltleſs. Who doth thus,
ſhall never moved be.

Pſal. xxiv. 3, 4, 5, 6.

12 Who is the man that ſhall aſcend
into the hill of God ?
Or who within his holy place
ſhall have a firm abode ?

13 Whoſe hands are clean, whoſe heart is pure;
and unto vanity
Who hath not lifted up his ſoul ;
nor ſworn deceitfully.

14 He from th' Eternal ſhall receive
the bleſſing him upon,
And righteouſneſs, ev'n from the God
of his ſalvation.

15 This

15 This is the congregation
that after him inquire ;
O Jacob, who do ſeek thy face
with their whole hearts deſire.

Pſal. li. 6.

16 Behold, thou in the inward parts
with truth delighted art :
And wiſdom thou ſhalt make me know
within the hidden part.

Pſal. xxvi. 2 3, 4, 5, 6.

17 Examine me, and do me prove :
try heart and reigns, O God !
For thy love is before mine eyes :
thy truth's paths I have trode.

18 With perſons vain I have not ſat ;
nor with diſſemblers gone.
Th' aſſembly of ill men I hate ;
to ſit with ſuch I ſhun.

19 Mine hands in innocence, O Lord,
I'll waſh and purify :
So to thine holy altar go,
and compaſs it will I.

Pſal. l. 2d verſion, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

20 Hear, O my people, and I'll ſpeak ;
O Iſrael by name,

Againſt

Againſt thee I will teſtify :
God, ev'n thy God, I am.

21 I for thy ſacrifices few
reprove thee never will ;
Nor for burnt off'rings to have been
before me off'red ſtill.

22 I'll take no bullock, nor he-goats,
from houſe nor folds of thine.
For beaſts of foreſts, cattle all
on thouſand hills are mine.

23 The fowls are all to me well known
which mountains high do yield :
And I do challenge as mine own
the wild beaſts of the field.

24 If I were hungry, I would not
to thee for need complain :
For earth, and all its fulneſs, doth
to me of right pertain.

25 That I to eat the fleſh of bulls
take pleaſure, doſt thou think ?
Or that I need to quench my thirſt
the blood of goats to drink ?

26 Nay, rather unto me, thy God,
thankſgiving offer thou :

To the Moſt High perform thy word,
and fully pay thy vow.

27 And in the day of trouble great
ſee that thou call on me:
I will deliver thee; and thou
my name ſhalt glorify.

Pſal. l. 2d verſion, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

28 But God unto the wicked ſaith:
Why ſhouldſt thou mention make
Of my commands? how dar'ſt thou in
thy mouth my cov'nant take?

29 Sith it is ſo that thou doſt hate
all good inſtruction;
And ſith thou caſt'ſt behind thy back,
and ſlight'ſt my words each one.

30 When thou a thief didſt ſee, then ſtraight
thou join'dſt with him in ſin;
And with the vile adulterers
thou haſt partaker been.

31 Thy mouth to evil thou doſt give;
thy tongue deceit doth frame.
Thou ſit'ſt and 'gainſt thy brother ſpeak'ſt;
thy mother's ſon to ſhame.

32 Theſe

32 Theſe things thou wickedly haſt done;
and I have ſilent been:
Thou thought'ſt that I was like thyſelf,
and did approve thy ſin.

33 But I will ſharply thee reprove;
and I will order right
Thy ſins and thy tranſgreſſions
in preſence of thy ſight.

34 Conſider this, and be afraid,
ye that forget the Lord;
Leſt I pieces tear you all,
when none can help afford.

35 Who off'reth praiſe, me glorifies:
I will ſhew God's ſalvation
To him that ordereth aright
his life and converſation.

Pſal. lxix. 30, 31.

36 The name of God I with a ſong
moſt cheerfully will praiſe;
And I, in giving thanks to him,
his name ſhall highly raiſe.

37 This to the Lord a ſacrifice
more gracious ſhall prove,
Than bullock, ox, or any beaſt
that hath both horn and hoof.

Pſal. li. 16, 17.

38 For thou deſir'ſt not ſacrifice,
elſe would I give it thee;
Nor wilt thou with burnt-offering
at all delighted be.

39 A broken ſpirit is to God
a pleaſant ſacrifice:
A broken and a contrite heart,
Lord, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

XXI. ON HUMILITY IN APPROACHING GOD.

Pſalm cxxxviii. 6.

1 THOUGH God be high, yet he reſpects
all thoſe that lowly be:
Whereas the proud and lofty ones
afar off knoweth he.

Pſal. cxlvii. 3.

2 Thoſe that are broken in their heart,
and grieved in their minds,
He healeth, and their painful wounds
he tenderly up-binds.

Pſal. xxv. 2d. verſion, 9.

3 The meek and lowly he will guide
in judgement juſt alway:

To

To meek and poor afflicted ones
he'll clearly teach his way.

Pſal. cxlvii. 6.

4 The Lord lifts up the meek, and caſts
the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord, and give him thanks:
on harp his praiſes ſound.

Pſal. viii. 3, 4.

5 When I look up into the heav'ns,
which thine own fingers fram'd,
Unto the moon, and to the ſtars,
which were by thee ordain'd;

6 Then ſay I, What is man, that he
remember'd is by thee?
Or what the ſon of man, that thou
ſo kind to him ſhouldſt be?

Pſal. cxliv. 3, 4, 5.

7 Lord, what is man, that thou of him
doſt ſo much knowledge take?
Or ſon of man, that thou of him
ſo great account doſt make?

8 Man is like vanity: his days
as ſhadows paſs away.
Lord, bow thy heav'ns, come down: touch
the hills, and ſmoke ſhall they. [thou

Pſal. cxxxi. 1, 2.

9 My heart not haughty is, O Lord;
mine eyes not lofty be:
Nor do I deal in matters great,
or things too high for me.

10 I ſurely have myſelf behav'd
with quiet ſp'rit and mild,
As child of mother wean'd: my ſoul
is like a weaned child.

Pſal. xxviii. 2.

11 The voice hear of my humble pray'rs,
when unto thee I cry;
When to thy holy oracle
I lift mine hands on high.

Pſal. x. 17.

12 O Lord, of thoſe that humble are
thou the deſire didſt hear:
Thou wilt prepare their hearts, and thou
to hear will bend thine ear.

Pſal. xxxiv. 18.

13 The Lord is ever nigh to them
that be of broken ſp'rit:
To them he ſafety doth afford,
that are in heart contrite.

XXII. ON TRUST IN GOD OVERCOMING TROUBLE, DOUBT, AND PERPLEXITY.

Pſalm iii. 1, 2, 3, 4.

1 O LORD, how are my foes increas'd;
againſt me many riſe.
Many ſay of my ſoul, For him
in God no ſuccour lies.

2 Yet thou my ſhield and glory art,
th' upliſter of mine head.
I cry'd; and from his holy hill
the Lord me anſwer made.

Pſal. xxxi. 21, 22, 23, 24.

3 All praiſe and thanks be to the Lord,
for he hath magnify'd
His wondrous love to me, within
a city fortify'd.

4 For from thine eyes cut off I am,
(I in my haſte had ſaid:)
My voice yet heardſt thou, when to thee
with cries my moan I made.

5 O love the Lord, all ye his ſaints:
becauſe the Lord doth guard

The faithful; and he plenteouſly
proud doers doth reward.

6 Be of good courage, and he ſtrength
unto your hearts ſhall ſend,
All ye whoſe hope and confidence
doth on the Lord depend.

Pſal. lxi. 1, 2, 3.

7 O God, give ear unto my cry;
unto my prayer attend.
From th' utmoſt corner of the land
my cry to thee I'll ſend.

8 What time my heart is overwhelm'd,
and in perplexity,
Do thou me lead unto the Rock
that higher is than I.

9 For thou haſt for my refuge been
a ſhelter by thy pow'r:
And, for defence againſt my foes,
thou haſt been a ſtrong tow'r.

Pſal. ix. 9, 10.

10 God alſo will a refuge be
for thoſe that are oppreſt;
A refuge will he be, in times
of trouble, to diſtreſt.

11 And

11 And they that know thy name, in thee
their confidence will place:
For thou haſt not forſaken them
that truly ſeek thy face.

Pſal. xxxii. 6, 7.

12 For this ſhall ev'ry godly one
his prayer make to thee:
In ſuch a time he ſhall thee ſeek
as found thou mayeſt be.

13 Surely, when floods of waters great
do ſwell up to the brim,
They ſhall not overwhelm his ſoul,
nor once come near to him.

14 Thou art my hiding-place; thou ſhalt
from trouble keep me free:
Thou with ſongs of deliverance
about ſhalt compaſs me.

Pſal. xxvii. 13, 14.

15 I fainted had, unleſs that I
believed had, to ſee
The Lord's own goodneſs in the land
of them that living be.

16 Wait on the Lord: and be thou ſtrong,
and he ſhall ſtrength afford

Unto thine heart: yea, do thou wait,
I ſay, upon the Lord.

Pſal. lxxvii. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

17 I to remembrance God did call;
yet trouble did remain:
And overwhelm'd my ſpirit was,
whilſt I did ſore complain.

18 Mine eyes debarr'd from reſt and ſleep,
thou makeſt ſtill to wake:
My trouble is ſo great, that I
unable am to ſpeak.

19 The days of old to mind I call'd;
and oft did think upon
The times and ages that are paſt
full many years agone.

20 By night, my ſong I call to mind,
and commune with my heart:
My ſp'rit did carefully enquire
how I might eaſe my ſmart.

21 For ever will the Lord caſt off?
and gracious be no more?
For ever is his mercy gone?
fails his word evermore?

22 Is't

22 Is't true, that to be gracious
the Lord forgotten hath?
And that his tender mercies he
hath ſhut up in his wrath?

23 Then did I ſay, That ſurely this
is mine infirmity:
I'll mind the years of the right hand
of him that is moſt high.

24 Yea, I remember will the works
performed by the Lord:
The wonders done of old by thee
I ſurely will record.

25 I alſo will of all thy works
my meditation make;
And of thy doings to diſcourſe
great pleaſure I will take.

Pſal. lxxi. 20, 21.

26 Thou, Lord, who great adverſities,
and ſore, to me didſt ſhow,
Shalt quicken and bring me again
from depths of earth below.

27 My greatneſs and my power thou wilt
increaſe and far extend:
On ev'ry ſide, againſt all grief
thou wilt me comfort ſend.

28 For

Pſal. xliv. 3, 4, 5.

28 For neither got their ſword the land,
nor did their arm them ſave:
But thy right hand, arm, countenance;
for thou them favour gave.

29 Thou art my king; for Jacob, Lord,
deliv'rances command.
Thro' thee we ſhall puſh down our foes
that do againſt us ſtand.

Pſal. lvi. 3, 4.

30 When I'm afraid, I'll truſt in thee;
in God I'll praiſe his word:
I will not fear what man can do;
my truſt is in the Lord.

Pſal. lxxxvi. 6, 7.

31 Hear, Lord, my pray'r: unto the voice
of my requeſt attend.
In troublous times I'll call on thee;
for thou wilt anſwer ſend.

Pſal. cxviii. 5, 6.

32 I in diſtreſs call'd on the Lord:
the Lord did anſwer me;
He in a large place did me ſet,
from trouble made me free.

33 The mighty Lord is on my ſide;
I will not be afraid:
For any thing that man can do
I will not be diſmaid.

Pſal. cxix. 92.

34 Unleſs in thy moſt perfect law
my ſoul delights had found,
I ſhould have periſhed, when as
my troubles did abound.

Pſal. cxix. 24.

35 My comfort, and my heart's delight,
thy teſtimonies be;
And they in all my doubts and fears
are counſellors to me.

Pſal. lxxiii. 3, 4, 5, 6.

36 For I envious was, and grudg'd
the fooliſh folk to ſee,
When I perceiv'd the wicked ſort
enjoy proſperity.

37 For ſtill their ſtrength continueth firm:
their death of bands is free.
They are not toil'd as other men;
nor plagu'd as others be.

38 Therefore their pride, like to a chain,
them compaſſeth about:

And, as a garment, violence
doth cover them throughout.

Pſal. lxxiii. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

39 His people oftentimes for this
look back, and turn about;
Sith waters of ſo full a cup
to theſe are poured out.

40 And thus they ſay, How can it be
that God theſe things doth know?
Or, can there in the Higheſt be
knowledge of things below?

41 Behold, theſe are the wicked ones:
yet proſper at their will
In worldly things; they do increaſe
in wealth and riches ſtill.

42 I verily have done in vain
my heart to purify:
To no effect in innocence
waſhed my hands have I.

43 For daily, and all day throughout,
great plagues I ſuffer'd have;
Yea, ev'ry morning I of new
did chaſtiſement receive.

44 If in this manner fooliſhly
to ſpeak I would intend;

Thy

Thy childrens generation,
behold, I ſhould offend.

45 When I this thought to know, it was
too hard a thing for me:
Till to God's ſanctuary I went;
then I their end did ſee.

Pſal. lxxiii. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

46 Aſſuredly thou didſt them ſet
a ſlipp'ry place upon:
Them ſuddenly thou caſtedſt down
into deſtruction.

47 How in a moment ſuddenly
to ruin brought are they!
With fearful terrors utterly
they are conſum'd away.

48 Ev'n like unto a dream, when one
from ſleeping doth ariſe;
So thou, O Lord, when thou awak'ſt,
their image ſhalt deſpiſe.

49 Thus grieved was my heart in me;
and me my reins oppreſt.
So rude was I, and ignorant:
and in thy ſight a beaſt.

50 Nevertheleſs, continually,
O Lord, I am with thee:

Thou

Thou doſt me hold by my right hand,
and ſtill upholdeſt me.

51 Thou with thy counſel while I live
wilt me conduct and guide;
And to thy glory afterward
receive me to abide.

Pſal. xciv. 17, 19.

52 Unleſs the Lord had been my help,
when I was ſore oppreſt,
Almoſt my ſoul had in the houſe
of ſilence been at reſt.

53 Amidſt the multitude of thoughts
which in my heart do fight,
My ſoul, leſt it be overcharg'd,
thy comforts do delight.

Pſal. xlii. 8.

54 His loving kindneſs yet the Lord
command will in the day;
His ſong's with me by night: to God,
by whom I live, I'll pray.

Pſal. cxvi. 7.

55 O thou my ſoul, do thou return
unto thy quiet reſt;
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath expreſt.

Pſal. xxviii. 13, 14.

56 I fainted had, unleſs that I
believed had, to ſee
The Lord's own goodneſs in the land
of them that living be.

57 Wait on the Lord: and be thou ſtrong,
and he ſhall ſtrength afford
Unto thine heart: yea, do thou wait,
I ſay, upon the Lord.

XXIV. ON THE SENSE OF HUMAN GUILT AND WEAKNESS; AND THE DESIRE OF PARDON, SUPPORT, AND DIRECTION FROM GOD.

Pſalm vi. 2d verſion, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

1 IN thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not:
Nor on me lay thy chaſt'ning hand
in thy diſpleaſure hot.

2 Lord, I am weak; therefore on me
have mercy, and me ſpare:
Heal me, O Lord, becauſe thou know'ſt
my bones much vexed are.

3 My ſoul is vexed ſore: but Lord,
how long ſtay wilt thou make?

Return, Lord, free my ſoul, and ſave
me for thy mercies ſake.

4 Becauſe of thee in death there ſhall
no more remembrance be:
Of thoſe that in the grave do ly,
who ſhall give thanks to thee?

Pſal. xxv. 2d verſion, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 17, 18.

5 Thy ways, Lord, ſhew; teach me thy paths:
lead me in truth; teach me.
For of my ſafety thou art God:
all day I wait on thee.

6 Thy mercies, that moſt tender are,
do thou, O Lord, remember,
And loving-kindneſſes: for they
have been of old for ever.

7 Let not the errors of my youth,
nor ſins, remember'd be:
In mercy, for thy goodneſs' ſake,
O Lord, remember me.

8 Now, for thine own name's ſake, O Lord,
I humbly thee intreat
To pardon mine iniquity;
for it is very great.

9 Enlarg'd

9 Enlarg'd the griefs are of mine heart:
me from diſtreſs relieve.
See mine affliction, and my pain;
and all my ſins forgive.

Pſal. xxxviii. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 17, 18.

10 In thy great indignation,
O Lord, rebuke me not:
Nor on me lay thy chaſt'ning hand
in thy diſpleaſure hot.

11 For in me faſt thine arrows ſtick;
thine hand doth preſs me ſore;
And in my fleſh there is no health,
nor ſoundneſs any more.

12 This grief I have, becauſe thy wrath
is forth againſt me gone:
And in my bones there is no reſt,
for ſins that I have done.

13 Becauſe gone up above mine head
my great tranſgreſſions be;
And, as a weighty burden, they
too heavy are for me.

14 My heart doth pant inceſſantly;
my ſtrength doth quite decay:
As for mine eyes, their wonted light
is from me gone away.

15 For I am near to halt; my grief
is ſtill before mine eye.
For I'll declare my ſin, and grieve
for mine iniquity.

Pſal. xxxii. 5.

16 I thereupon have unto thee
my ſin acknowledged;
And likewiſe mine iniquity
I have not covered.

17 I will confeſs unto the Lord
my treſpaſſes, ſaid I:
And of my ſin thou freely didſt
forgive th' iniquity.

Pſal. xxxviii. 9, 21, 22.

18 O Lord, all that I do deſire
is ſtill before thine eye;
And of my heart the ſecret groans
not hidden are from thee.

19 Forſake me not, O Lord: my God,
far from me never be.
O Lord, thou my ſalvation art;
haſte to give help to me.

Pſal. xxxix. 7, 8, 12, 13.

20 And now, O Lord, what wait I for?
my hope is fixt on thee.

Free

Free me from all my treſpaſſes;
the fool's ſcorn make not me.

21 Attend my cry, Lord; at my tears
and pray'rs not ſilent be:
I ſojourn as my fathers all,
and ſtranger am with thee.

22 O ſpare thou me; that I my ſtrength
recover may again,
Before from hence I do depart,
and here no more remain.

Pſal. li. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

23 After thy loving kindneſs, Lord,
have mercy upon me:
For thy compaſſions great blot out
all mine iniquity.

24 Me cleanſe from ſin, and throughly waſh
from mine iniquity:
For my tranſgreſſions I confeſs;
my ſin I ever ſee.

25 'Gainſt thee, thee only, have I ſinn'd;
in thy ſight done this ill:
That when thou ſpeak'ſt thou may'ſt be
and clear in judging ſtill. [juſt,

26 Behold, I in iniquity
was form'd the womb within:

My mother alſo me conceiv'd
in guiltineſs and ſin.

27 Behold, thou in the inward parts
with truth delighted art:
And wiſdom thou ſhalt make me know
within the hidden part.

28 Do thou with hyſſop ſprinkle me,
I ſhall be cleanſed ſo:
Yea, waſh thou me, and then I ſhall
be whiter than the ſnow.

29 Of gladneſs and of joyfulneſs
make me to hear the voice:
That ſo theſe very bones which thou
haſt broken may rejoice.

30 All mine iniquities blot out;
thy face hide from my ſin.
Create a clean heart, Lord: renew
a right ſp'rit me within.

31 Caſt me not from thy ſight; nor take
thy holy Sp'rit away.
Reſtore me thy ſalvation's joy:
with thy free Sp'rit me ſtay.

Pſal. lii. 9.

32 And I for ever will thee praiſe,
becauſe thou haſt done this:

I on thy name will wait, for good
before thy ſaints it is.

Pſal. cxxx. 1, 2.

33 Lord, from the depths to thee I cry'd.
My voice, Lord, do thou hear:
Unto my ſupplication's voice
give an attentive ear.

Pſal. cxliii. 1ſt verſion, 1, 2.

34 Lord, hear my pray'r, attend my ſuits;
and in thy faithfulneſs
Give thou an anſwer unto me,
and in thy righteouſneſs.

35 Thy ſervant alſo bring thou not
in judgement to be try'd:
Becauſe no living man can be
in thy ſight juſtify'd.

Pſal. cxxx. 3, 4.

36 Lord, who ſhall ſtand, if thou, O Lord,
ſhouldſt mark iniquity?
But yet with thee forgiveneſs is;
that fear'd thou mayeſt be.

Pſal. xxx. 2, 3.

37 O thou who art the Lord my God!
I in diſtreſs to thee

With

With loud cries lifted up my voice:
and thou haſt healed me.

38 O Lord, my ſoul thou haſt brought up,
and reſcu'd from the grave:
That I to pit ſhould not go down,
alive thou didſt me ſave.

Pſal. xxxii. 6.

39 For this ſhall ev'ry godly one
his prayer make to thee:
In ſuch a time he ſhall thee ſeek
as found thou mayeſt be.

40 Surely, when floods of waters great
do ſwell up to the brim,
They ſhall not overwhelm his ſoul,
nor once come near to him.

Pſal. xxx. 4, 5.

41 O ye that are his holy ones,
ſing praiſe unto the Lord;
And give unto him thanks when you
his holineſs record.

42 For but a moment laſts his wrath;
life in his favour lies:
Weeping may for a night endure;
at morn doth joy ariſe.

43 That

Pſal. cxxvi. 6.

43 That man who, bearing precious ſeed,
in going forth doth mourn;
He doubtleſs bringing back his ſheaves,
rejoicing ſhall return.

Pſal. cxvi. 5, 6, 7, 8.

44 God merciful and righteous is;
yea, gracious is our Lord.
God ſaves the meek: I was brought low,
he did me help afford.

45 O thou, my ſoul! do thou return
unto thy quiet reſt:
For largely, lo, the Lord to thee
his bounty hath expreſt.

46 For my diſtreſſed ſoul from death
deliver'd was by thee.
Thou didſt my mourning eyes from tears,
my feet from falling, free.

Pſal. lvi. 13.

47 Wilt thou not, who from death me ſav'd,
my feet from falls keep free,
To walk before God in the light
of thoſe that living be?

Pſal. xvii. 5.

48 Hold up my goings, Lord; me guide
in thoſe thy paths divine:

So

So that my footſteps may not ſlide
out of theſe ways of thine.

Pſal. xxvii. 11.

49 O Lord, inſtruct me in thy way:
to me a leader be
In a plain path, becauſe of thoſe
that hatred bear to me.

Pſal. lxxi. 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

50 O Lord, my hope and confidence
is plac'd in thee alone:
Then let thy ſervant never be
put to confuſion.

51 And let me in thy righteouſneſs
from thee deliv'rance have:
Cauſe me eſcape: incline thine ear
unto me, and me ſave.

52 Be thou my dwelling rock, to which
I ever may reſort:
Thou gav'ſt commandment me to ſave,
for thou'rt my rock and fort.

53 Thy juſtice and ſalvation
my mouth abroad ſhall ſhow
Ev'n all the day; for I thereof
the numbers do not know.

54 And

54 And I will conſtantly go on
in ſtrength of God the Lord:
And thine own righteouſneſs, ev'n thine
alone, I will record.

55 For even from my youth, O God,
by thee I have been taught:
And hitherto I have declared
the wonders thou haſt wrought.

56 And now, Lord, leave me not, when I
old and gray-headed grow:
Till to this age thy ſtrength and pow'r
to all to come I ſhow.

57 And thy moſt perfect righteouſneſs,
O Lord, is very high,
Who haſt ſo great things done: O God,
who is like unto thee?

Pſal. lxxxvi. 11.

58 Teach me thy way, and in thy truth,
O Lord, then walk will I:
Unite my heart, that I thy name
may fear continually.

Pſal. cxix. 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 27.

59 O that thy ſtatutes to obſerve
thou wouldſt my ways direct!

Then

Then ſhall I not be ſham'd, when I
thy precepts all reſpect.

60 Then with integrity of heart
thee will I praiſe and bleſs,
When I the judgements all have learnt
of thy pure righteouſneſs.

61 That I will keep thy ſtatutes all
firmly reſolv'd have I:
O do not then, moſt gracious God,
forſake me utterly.

62 Upon thy ſtatutes my delight
ſhall conſtantly be ſet:
And by thy grace I never will
thy holy word forget.

63 With me thy ſervant, in thy grace,
deal bountifully, Lord;
That by thy favour I may live,
and duly keep thy word.

64 Open mine eyes, that of thy law
the wonders I may ſee.
I am a ſtranger on this earth,
hide not thy laws from me.

65 The way of thy commandements
make me aright to know:

So

So all thy works that wondrous are,
I ſhall to others ſhow.

Pſal. cxix. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.

66 I to thy teſtimonies cleave :
ſhame do not on me caſt.
I'll run thy precepts way, when thou
my heart enlarged haſt.

67 Teach me, O Lord, the perfect way
of thy precepts divine ;
And to obſerve it to the end
I ſhall my heart incline.

68 Give underſtanding unto me,
ſo keep thy law ſhall I :
Yea, ev'n with my whole heart, I ſhall
obſerve it carefully.

69 In thy law's path make me to go,
for I delight therein.
My heart unto thy teſtimonies,
and not to greed incline.

70 Turn thou away my ſight and eyes
from viewing vanity :
And in thy good and holy way
be pleas'd to quicken me.

71 Confirm to me thy gracious word,
which I did gladly hear,

Ev'n to thy ſervant, Lord, who is
devoted to thy fear.

72 Turn thou away my fear'd reproach:
for good thy judgements be.
Lo, for thy precepts I have long'd:
in thy truth quicken me.

Pſal. cxix. 5, 43, 44, 45, 116, 117, 132, 133.

73 O that thy ſtatutes to obſerve,
thou would'ſt my ways direct!
Then ſhall I not be ſham'd, when I
thy precepts all reſpect.

74 The word of truth out of my mouth
take thou not utterly;
For on thy judgements righteous
my hope doth ſtill rely.

75 So ſhall I keep for evermore
thy law continually.
And ſith, that I thy precepts ſeek,
I'll walk at liberty.

76 According to thy faithful word
uphold and ſtabliſh me,
That I may live, and of my hope
aſhamed never be.

77 Hold thou me up, ſo ſhall I be
in peace and ſafety ſtill:

And

And to thy ſtatutes have reſpect
continually I will.

78 Look on me, Lord, and merciful
do thou unto me prove,
As thou are wont to do to thoſe
thy name who truly love.

79 O let my footſteps in the word
aright ſtill order'd be:
Let no iniquity obtain
dominion over me.

Pſal. cxix. 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 175.

80 O let my earneſt prayer and cry
come near before thee, Lord:
Give underſtanding unto me
according to thy word.

81 Let my requeſt before thee come;
after thy word me free.
My lips ſhall utter praiſe, when thou
haſt taught thy laws to me.

82 Let thy ſtrong hand make help to me:
thy precepts are my choice.
I long'd for thy ſalvation, Lord,
and in thy law rejoice.

83 O let my ſoul live, and it ſhall
give praiſes unto thee:

And let thy judgements gracious
be helpful unto me.

XXV. ON ARDENT DESIRES OF COMMUNION WITH GOD.

Pſalm lxiii. 1.

1 LORD, thee my God I'll early ſeek:
my ſoul doth thirſt for thee;
My fleſh longs in a dry parch'd land,
wherein no waters be.

Pſal xlii. 1, 2.

2 Like as the hart for water-brooks
in thirſt doth pant and bray;
So pants my longing ſoul, O God,
that come to thee I may.

3 My ſoul for God, the living God,
doth thirſt; when ſhall I near
Unto thy countenance approach,
and in God's ſight appear.

Pſal. lxiii. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

4 That I thy power may behold
and brightneſs of thy face:
As I have ſeen thee heretofore,
within thy holy place.

5 Since

5 Since better is thy love than life,
my lips thee praiſe ſhall give;
I in thy name will lift my hands,
and bleſs thee while I live.

6 Ev'n as with marrow and with fat,
my ſoul ſhall filled be:
Then ſhall my mouth with joyful lips
ſing praiſes unto thee.

7 When I do thee upon my bed
remember with delight,
And when on thee I meditate
in watches of the night.

8 In ſhadow of thy wings I'll joy,
for thou mine help haſt been.
My ſoul thee follows hard; and me
thy right hand doth ſuſtain.

Pſal. xxvii. 4.

9 One thing I of the Lord deſir'd,
and will ſeek to obtain.
That all days of my life I may
within God's houſe remain.

Pſal. lxxxiv. 4, 5.

10 Bleſt are they in thy houſe that dwell;
they ever give thee praiſe.
Bleſt is the man whoſe ſtrength thou art;
in whoſe heart are thy ways.

Pſal. cvi. 4, 5.

11 Remember me, Lord, with that love
which thou to thine doſt bear:
With thy ſalvation, O my God!
to viſit me draw near:

12 That I thy choſen's good may ſee,
and in their joy rejoice;
And may with thine inheritance
triumph with chearful voice.

Pſal. cxliii. 1ſt verſion, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

13 I call to mind the days of old;
to meditate I uſe
On all thy works: upon the deeds
I of thy hands do muſe.

14 My hands to thee I ſtretch: my ſoul
thirſts, as dry land, for thee.
Haſte, Lord, to hear; my ſpirit fails:
hide not thy face from me,

15 Leſt like to them I do become
that go down to the duſt.
At morn let me thy kindneſs hear;
for I do in thee truſt:

16 Teach me the way that I ſhould walk;
I lift my ſoul to thee.
Lord, free me from my foes: I flee
to thee to cover me.

17 Becauſe

17 Becauſe thou art my God, to do
thy will do me inſtruct:
Thy Sp'rit is good, me to the land
of uprightneſs conduct.

Pſal. cxxx. 5, 6, 7, 8.

18 I wait for God, my ſoul doth wait;
my hope is in his word.
More than they that for morning watch,
my ſoul waits for the Lord;

19 I ſay, more than they that do watch,
the morning light to ſee.
Let Iſrael hope in the Lord,
for with him mercies be.

20 And plenteous redemption
is ever found with him;
And from all his iniquities
he Iſra'l ſhall redeem.

Pſal. xxiv. 7, 8 9, 10.

21 Ye gates, lift up your heads on high,
ye doors that laſt for ay,
Be lifted up, that ſo the King
of glory enter may.

22 But who of glory is the King?
The mighty Lord is this,
Ev'n that ſame Lord, that great in might,
and ſtrong in battle is.

23 Ye

23 Ye gates lift up your heads, ye doors,
doors that do laſt for ay,
Be lifted up, that ſo the King
of glory enter may.

24 But who is he that is the king
of glory? Who is this?
The Lord of hoſts, and none but he
the King of glory is.

XXVI. ON THE TEMPORAL BLESSINGS CONNECTED WITH RELIGION.

Pſalm i. 1, 2, 3, 4.

1 THAT man hath perfect bleſſedneſs,
who walketh not aſtray
In counſel of ungodly men,
nor ſtands in ſinners way;

2 Nor ſitteth in the ſcorner's chair:
but placeth his delight
Upon God's law; and meditates
on his law day and night.

3 He ſhall be like a tree that grows
near planted by a river,
Which in his ſeaſon yields his fruit;
and his leaf fadeth never:

4 And

4 And all he doth ſhall proſper well.
The wicked are not ſo;
But like they are unto the chaff
which wind drives to and fro.

Pſal. xxxvii. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

5 Set thou thy truſt upon the Lord,
and be thou doing good:
And ſo thou in the land ſhalt dwell,
and verily have food.

6 Delight thyſelf in God; he'll give
thine heart's deſire to thee.
Thy way to God commit; him truſt:
it bring to paſs ſhall he.

7 And like unto the light he ſhall
thy righteouſneſs diſplay;
And he thy judgement ſhall bring forth
like noon-tide of the day.

8 Reſt in the Lord, and patiently
wait for him: do not fret
For him who, proſp'ring in his way,
ſucceſs in ſin doth get.

9 Do thou from anger ceaſe; and wrath
ſee thou forſake alſo:
Fret not thyſelf in any wiſe,
that evil thou ſhouldſt do.

10 For thoſe that evil doers are
ſhall be cut off, and fall:
But thoſe that wait upon the Lord,
the earth inherit ſhall.

11 For yet a little while, and then
the wicked ſhall not be:
His place thou ſhalt conſider well,
but it thou ſhalt not ſee.

12 But, by inheritance the earth
the meek ones ſhall poſſeſs:
They alſo ſhall delight themſelves
in an abundant peace.

Pſal. xxxvii. 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40.

13 A little that a juſt man hath
is more, and better far,
Than is the wealth of many ſuch
as lewd and wicked are.

14 For ſinners arms ſhall broken be;
but God the juſt ſuſtains.
God knows the juſt man's days: and ſtill
their heritage remains.

15 They ſhall not be aſham'd when they
the evil time do ſee;
And, when the days of famine are,
they ſatisfy'd ſhall be.

16 For

16 For ſuch as bleſſed be of him,
the earth inherit ſhall;
And they that curſed are of him,
ſhall be deſtroyed all.

17 I ſaw the wicked great in pow'r,
ſpread like a green bay-tree.
He paſt, yea, was not: him I ſought,
but found he could not be.

18 Mark thou the perfect, and behold
the man of uprightneſs:
Becauſe that ſurely of this man
the latter end is peace.

19 But thoſe men that tranſgreſſors are
ſhall be deſtroy'd together,
The latter end of wicked men
ſhall be cut off for ever.

20 But the ſalvation of the juſt
is from the Lord above;
He in the time of their diſtreſs
their ſtay and ſtrength doth prove.

21 The Lord ſhall help, and them deliver:
he ſhall them free and ſave
From wicked men, becauſe in him
their confidence they have.

22 When

Pſal. xcii. 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15.

22 When thoſe that lewd and wicked are
ſpring quickly up like graſs,
And workers of iniquity
do flouriſh all apace:

23 It is that they for ever may
deſtroyed be and ſlain.
But thou, O Lord, art the Moſt High,
for ever to remain.

24 For lo, thine enemies, O Lord,
thine en'mies periſh ſhall:
The workers of iniquity
ſhall be diſperſed all.

25 But like the palm-tree flouriſhing
ſhall be the righteous one:
He ſhall like to the cedar grow
that is in Lebanon.

26 Thoſe that within the houſe of God
are planted by his grace,
They ſhall grow up, and flouriſh all
in our God's holy place.

27 And in old age, when others fade,
they fruit ſtill forth ſhall bring:
They ſhall be fat, and full of ſap,
and ay be flouriſhing:

28 To ſhew that upright is the Lord:
he is a rock to me,
And he from all unrighteouſneſs
is altogether free.

Pſal. cxii. 1, 2, 3.

29 Praiſe ye the Lord. The man is bleſt
that fears the Lord aright;
He who in his commandements
doth greatly take delight.

30 His ſeed and off-ſpring powerful
ſhall be the earth upon:
Of upright men bleſſed ſhall be
the generation.

31 Riches and wealth ſhall ever be
within his houſe in ſtore:
And his unſpotted righteouſneſs
endures for evermore.

Pſal. cxxviii. 4, 5, 6.

32 Behold, the man that fears the Lord
thus bleſſed ſhall he be.
The Lord ſhall out of Zion give
his bleſſing unto thee.

33 Thou ſhalt Jerus'lem's good behold,
while thou on earth doſt dwell.
Thou ſhalt thy childrens children ſee,
and peace on Iſrael.

XXVII. ON THE VIRTUES,

SUITED TO A STATE OF PROSPERITY.

Pſal. xvi. 5, to the end.

1 GOD is of mine inheritance
and cup the portion:
The lot that fallen is to me
thou doſt maintain alone.

2 Unto me happily the lines
in pleaſant places fell;
Yea, the inheritance I got
in beauty doth excel.

3 I bleſs the Lord, becauſe he doth
by counſel me conduct:
And, in the ſeaſons of the night,
my reins do me inſtruct.

4 Before me ſtill the Lord I ſet:
ſith it is ſo that he
Doth ever ſtand at my right hand,
I ſhall not moved be.

5 Becauſe of this my heart is glad,
and joy ſhall be expreſt
Ev'n by my glory; and my fleſh
in confidence ſhall reſt.

6 Becauſe

6 Becauſe my ſoul in grave to dwell
ſhall not be left by thee;
Nor wilt thou give thine only One
corruption to ſee.

7 Thou wilt me ſhew the path of life:
of joy there is full ſtore
Before thy face; at thy right hand
are pleaſures evermore.

Pſal. xxiii.——See No. IX. P. 47. V. 33.

Pſal. lxix. 30, to the end.——See No. XX. P. 95. V. 36.

Pſal. lxxxvi. 12, 13.

8 O Lord my God, with all my heart
to thee I will give praiſe;
And I the glory will aſcribe
unto thy name always:

9 Becauſe thy mercy toward me
in greatneſs doth excel;
And thou deliv'red haſt my ſoul
out of the loweſt hell.

Pſal. xc. 14, 15, 16, 17.

10 O with thy tender mercies, Lord,
us early ſatisfy:
So we rejoice ſhall all our days,
and ſtill be glad in thee.

11 According as the days have been
wherein we grief have had,
And years wherein we ill have ſeen,
ſo do thou make us glad.

12 O let thy work and pow'r appear
thy ſervants face before;
And ſhew unto their children dear
thy glory evermore.

13 And let the beauty of the Lord
our God be us upon:
Our handy works eſtabliſh thou,
eſtabliſh them each one.

Pſal. lxxix. 13.

14 So we thy folk, and paſture-ſheep,
ſhall give thee thanks always;
And unto generations all
we will ſhew forth thy praiſe.

Pſal. ciii. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.——See No. VI. P. 24. V. 58.

Pſal. lxxxv. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

15 I'll hear what God the Lord will ſpeak:
to his folk he'll ſpeak peace,
And to his ſaints; but let them not
return to fooliſhneſs.

16 To them that fear him, ſurely near
is his ſalvation;

That

That glory in our land may have
her habitation.

17 Truth met with mercy, righteouſneſs
and peace kiſs'd mutually:
Truth ſprings from earth, & righteouſneſs
looks down from heaven high.

18 Yea what is good the Lord ſhall give:
our land ſhall yield increaſe.
Juſtice to ſet us in his ſteps,
ſhall go before his face.

Pſal. cxliv. 12, 13, 14, 15.

19 That as the plants our ſons may be
in youth grown up that are:
Our daughters like to corner-ſtones,
carv'd like a palace fair:

20 That, to afford all kind of ſtore,
our garners may be fill'd;
That our ſheep thouſands, in our ſtreets
ten thouſands they may yield:

21 That ſtrong our oxen be for work;
that no in-breaking be,
Nor going out; and that our ſtreets
may from complaints be free.

22 Thoſe people bleſſed are who be
in ſuch a caſe as this:

Yea, bleſſed all thoſe people are,
whoſe God JEHOVAH is.

Pſal. xli. 1, 2, 3.

23 Bleſſed is he that wiſely doth
the poor man's caſe conſider;
For when the time of trouble is,
the Lord will him deliver.

24 God will him keep; yea, ſave alive,
on earth he bleſt ſhall live;
And to his enemies deſire
thou wilt him not up give.

25 God will give ſtrength, when he on bed
of languiſhing doth mourn:
And, in his ſickneſs ſore, O Lord,
thou all his bed wilt turn.

Pſal. cxii. 5. 9.

26 A good man doth his favour ſhew,
and doth to others lend;
He with diſcretion his affairs
will guide unto the end.

27 He hath diſperſt, giv'n to the poor;
his righteouſneſs ſhall be
To ages all; with honour ſhall
his horn be raiſed high.

XXVIII. ON AFFLICTION; AND THE VIRTUES AND RESOURCES SUITED TO IT.

Pſalm xxx. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1 O Thou who art the Lord my God,
I in diſtreſs to thee
With loud cries lifted up my voice:
and thou haſt healed me.

2 O Lord, my ſoul thou haſt brought up,
and reſcu'd from the grave:
That I to pit ſhould not go down,
alive thou didſt me ſave.

3 O ye that are his holy ones,
ſing praiſe unto the Lord:
And give unto him thanks, when you
his holineſs record.

4 For but a moment laſts his wrath,
life in his favour lies:
Weeping may for a night endure,
at morn doth joy ariſe.

5 In my proſperity I ſaid
that nothing ſhall me move.
O Lord, thou haſt my mountain made
to ſtand ſtrong by thy love.

6 Dumb

Pſal. xxxix. 9, 10, 11.

6 Dumb was I, op'ning not my mouth,
because this work was thine.
Thy ſtroke take from me; by the blow
of thine hand I do pine.

7 When with rebukes thou doſt correct
man for iniquity,
Thou waſtes his beauty like a moth:
ſure each man's vanity.

Pſal. xxx. 8, 9.

8 Wherefore unto the Lord my cry
I cauſed to aſcend:
My humble ſupplication
I to the Lord did ſend.

9 What profit is there in my blood,
when I go down to pit?
Shall unto thee the duſt give praiſe?
thy truth declare ſhall it?

Pſal. xxv. 2d verſion, 16, 17, 18.

10 O turn thee unto me, O God,
have mercy me upon;
Becauſe I ſolitary am,
and in affliction.

11 Enlarg'd the griefs are of mine heart:
me from diſtreſs relieve.

See mine affliction, and my pain,
and all my ſins forgive.

Pſal. xxii. 23, 24, 25.

12 Praiſe ye the Lord, who do him fear;
him glorify all ye
The ſeed of Jacob; fear him, all
that Iſrael's children be.

13 For he deſpis'd not, nor abhorr'd
th' afflicted's miſery:
Nor from him hid his face, but heard
when he to him did cry.

14 Within the congregation great
my praiſe ſhall be of thee;
My vows before them that him fear
ſhall be perform'd by me.

Pſal. cxvi. 8, 9, 10.

15 For my diſtreſſed ſoul from death
deliver'd was by thee.
Thou didſt my mourning eyes from tears,
my feet from falling, free.

16 I in the land of thoſe that live
will walk the Lord before.
I did believe, therefore I ſpake:
I was afflicted ſore.

17 Thou,

Pſal. lxxi. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

17 Thou, Lord, who great adverſities,
and ſore to me didſt ſhow,
Shalt quicken and bring me again
from depths of earth below.

18 My greatneſs and my power thou wilt
increaſe and far extend;
On ev'ry ſide, againſt all grief
thou wilt me comfort ſend.

19 Thee, ev'n thy truth I'll alſo praiſe,
my God, with pſaltery;
Thou holy One of Iſrael,
with harp I'll ſing to thee.

20 My lips ſhall much rejoice in thee
when I thy praiſes ſound:
My ſoul, which thou redeemed haſt,
in joy ſhall much abound.

21 My tongue thy juſtice ſhall proclaim,
continuing all day long:
For they confounded are, and ſham'd,
that ſeek to do me wrong.

Pſal. xxxiv. 17, 18, 19, 20.

22 The righteous cry unto the Lord,
he unto them gives ear,

And

And they out of their troubles all
by him deliv'red are.

23 The Lord is ever nigh to them
that be of broken ſp'rit:
To them he ſafety doth afford
that are in heart contrite.

24 The troubles that afflict the juſt
in number many be:
But yet at length out of them all
the Lord doth ſet him free.

25 He carefully his bones doth keep,
whatever doth befal;
That not ſo much as one of them
can broken be at all.

Pſal. xciv. 11, 12.

26 Man's thoughts to be but vanity
the Lord doth well diſcern.
Bleſt is the man thou chaſt'neſt, Lord,
and mak'ſt thy law to learn.

Pſal. cxix. 75.

27 That very right thy judgements are
I know and do confeſs,
And that thou haſt afflicted me
in truth and faithfulneſs.

Pſal. cxix. 71.

28 It hath been very good for me
that I afflicted was:
That I might well inſtructed be,
and learn thy holy laws.

Pſal. cxix. 67, 68.

29 Ere I afflicted was, I ſtray'd:
but now I keep thy word.
Both good thou art, and good thou doſt;
teach me thy ſtatutes, Lord.

XXIX. ON THE GRATITUDE, JOY, EQUANIMITY, AND CHEERFULNESS, INSPIRED BY RELIGION, IN ALL SITUATIONS OF LIFE.

Pſalm xxxiv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

1 GOD will I bleſs all times: his praiſe
my mouth ſhall ſtill expreſs.
My ſoul ſhall boaſt in God: the meek
ſhall hear with joyfulneſs.

2 Extol the Lord with me, let us
exalt his name together.
I ſought the Lord, he heard; and did
me from all fears deliver.

3 They

3 They look'd to him, and light'ned were;
not ſhamed were their faces.
This poor man cry'd; God heard, and ſav'd
him from all his diſtreſſes.

4 The angel of the Lord encamps,
and round encompaſſeth
All thoſe about that do him fear,
and them delivereth.

Pſal. xcii. 1, 2.

5 To render thanks unto the Lord
it is a comely thing,
And to thy name, O thou Moſt High!
due praiſe aloud to ſing:

6 Thy loving-kindneſs to ſhew forth
when ſhines the morning-light,
And to declare thy faithfulneſs
with pleaſure ev'ry night.

Pſal. lxiii. 3, 4, 5.

7 Since better is thy love than life,
my lips thee praiſe ſhall give.
I in thy name will lift my hands,
and bleſs thee while I live.

8 Ev'n as with marrow and with fat
my ſoul ſhall filled be;

Then ſhall my mouth with joyful lips
ſing praiſes unto thee.

Pſal. xcii. 4.

9 For thou, Lord, by thy mighty work
haſt made my heart right glad:
And I will triumph in the works
which by thine hands were made.

Pſal. xcviii. 1, 2, 3, 4.

10 O ſing a new ſong to the Lord,
for wonders he hath done:
His right hand and his holy arm
him victory hath won.

11 The Lord God his ſalvation
hath cauſed to be known:
His juſtice in the heathens ſight
he openly hath ſhown.

12 He mindful of his grace and truth
to Iſrael's houſe hath been:
And the ſalvation of our God
all ends of th' earth have ſeen.

13 Let all the earth unto the Lord
ſend forth a joyful noiſe:
Lift up your voice aloud to him,
ſing praiſes and rejoice.

14 Give

Pſal. cv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

14 Give thanks to God: call on his name;
to men his deeds make known.
Sing ye to him, ſing pſalms: proclaim
his wondrous works each one.

15 See that ye in his holy name
to glory do accord:
And let the heart of ev'ry one
rejoice that ſeeks the Lord.

16 The Lord Almighty, and his ſtrength,
with ſtedfaſt hearts ſeek ye:
His bleſſed and his gracious face
ſeek ye continually.

17 Think on the works that he hath done,
which admiration breed;
His wonders and the judgements all
which from his mouth proceed.

Pſal. cvi. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

18 Give praiſe and thanks unto the Lord,
for bountiful is he,
His tender mercies doth endure
unto eternity.

19 God's mighty works who can expreſs?
or ſhew forth all his praiſe?

Bleſſed are they that judgement keep,
and juſtly do always.

20 Remember me, Lord, with that love
which thou to thine doſt bear:
With thy ſalvation, O my God,
to viſit me draw near:

21 That I thy choſen's good may ſee,
and in their joy rejoice;
And may with thine inheritance
triumph with chearful voice.

Pſal. cxii. 4, 6, 7, 8.

22 Unto the upright light doth riſe
tho' he in darkneſs be:
Compaſſionate and merciful,
and righteous is he.

23 Surely there is not any thing
that ever ſhall him move:
The righteous man's memorial
ſhall everlaſting prove.

24 When he ſhall evil tidings hear,
he ſhall not be afraid.
His heart is fixt, his confidence
upon the Lord is ſtaid.

25 His heart is firmly ſtabliſhed ;
afraid he ſhall not be,
Until upon his enemies
he his deſire ſhall ſee.

Pſal. cxviii. 15, to the end.

26 In dwellings of the righteous
is heard the melody
Of joy and health ; the Lord's right hand
doth ever valiantly.

27 The right hand of the mighty Lord
exalted is on high.
The right hand of the mighty Lord
doth ever valiantly.

28 I ſhall not die, but live, and ſhall
the works of God diſcover,
The Lord hath me chaſtiſed ſore,
but not to death given over.

29 O ſet ye open unto me
the gates of righteouſneſs :
Then will I enter into them,
and I the Lord will bleſs.

30 This is the gate of God, by it
the juſt ſhall enter in.
Thee will I praiſe, for thou me heard'ſt,
and haſt my ſafety been.

31 That ſtone is made head corner-ſtone,
which builders did deſpiſe:
This is the doing of the Lord,
and wondrous in our eyes.

32 This is the day God made, in it
we'll joy triumphantly.
Save now, I pray thee, Lord, I pray,
ſend now proſperity.

33 Bleſſed is he, in God's great name,
that cometh us to ſave:
We, from the houſe which to the Lord
pertains, you bleſſed have.

34 God is the Lord, who unto us
hath made light to ariſe:
Bind ye unto the altar's horns
with cords the ſacrifice.

35 Thou art my God, I'll thee exalt:
my God, I will thee praiſe.
Give thanks to God, for he is good;
his mercy laſts always.

XXX. ON

XXX. ON THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH; AND THE SHORTNESS AND UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE.

Pſalm lxxxix. 48.

1 WHAT man is he that liveth here
and death ſhall never ſee?
Or from the power of the grave
what man his ſoul ſhall free?

Pſal. xc. 3, 5, 6, 7.

2 Thou doſt unto deſtruction
man that is mortal turn:
And unto them thou ſay'ſt, Again,
ye ſons of men return.

3 As with an over-flowing flood,
thou carrieſt them away:
They like a ſleep are; like the graſs
that grows at morn are they.

4 At morn it flouriſhes and grows;
cut down at ev'n doth fade.
For by thine anger we're conſum'd,
thy wrath makes us afraid.

Pſal. xxxix. 4.

5 Mine end, and meaſure of my days,
O Lord, unto me ſhow

What

What is the ſame: that I thereby
my frailty well may know.

Pſal. xxxix. 5.

6 Lo, thou my days an hand-breadth mad'ſt;
mine age is in thine eye
As nothing: ſure each man at beſt
is wholly vanity.

Pſal. xc. 10, 11, 12.

7 Threeſcore and ten years do ſum up
our days and years we ſee;
Or if, by reaſon of more ſtrength,
in ſome fourſcore they be.

8 Yet doth the ſtrength of ſuch old men
but grief and labour prove:
For it is ſoon cut off, and we
fly hence, and ſoon remove.

9 Who knows the power of thy wrath?
according to thy fear
So is thy wrath. Lord, teach thou us
our end in mind to bear:

10 And ſo to count our days, that we
our hearts may ſtill apply
To learn thy wiſdom and thy truth,
that we may live thereby.

XXXI. ON THE LAST JUDGEMENT.

Pſalm l. 2d verſion, 3, 4, 5, 6.

1 OUR God ſhall come, and ſhall no more
be ſilent, but ſpeak out:
Before him fire ſhall waſte, great ſtorms
ſhall compaſs him about.

2 He to the heavens from above,
and to the earth below,
Shall call; that he his judgement may
before his people ſhow.

3 Let all my ſaints together be
unto me gathered;
Thoſe that by ſacrifice with me
a covenant have made.

4 And then the heavens ſhall declare
his righteouſneſs abroad:
Becauſe the Lord himſelf doth come;
none elſe is judge but God.

Pſal. i. 5.

5 In judgement, therefore, ſhall not ſtand
ſuch as ungodly are;
Nor in the aſſembly of the juſt
ſhall wicked men appear.

6 Conſider

Pſal. l. 2d verſion, 22.

6 Conſider this, and be afraid,
ye that forget the Lord;
Leſt I in pieces tear you all,
when none can help afford.

Pſal. ii. 12.

7 Kiſs ye the Son, leſt in his ire
ye periſh from the way,
If once his wrath begins to burn:
bleſt all that on him ſtay.

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